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Dollar on Demand: —1/34.
Lighting on Time: —5.55 p.m.
High Water: —5.36 p.m.
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GOLF ANNOUNCEMENT

The new improved DUNLOP
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FIRE DISASTER AT WUCHOW.

HUNDREDS TRAPPED
IN BLAZING BOATS.

FIFTY PERSONS DROWNED
OR INCINERATED.

A DRAMA OF HORROR.

Wuchow, Oct. 18.
A terrible fire broke out aboard the flower boats here yesterday afternoon, resulting in the loss of about fifty lives and damage to the extent of some \$200,000.

Seven of the large flower boats were burned to the waters' edge, in addition to which scores of small craft furnished fuel for the terrible blaze, which for a time threatened destruction of the entire waterfront.

A horrible drama was enacted before the eyes of hundreds of helpless onlookers as they watched frantic people jump into the water, some to swim ashore and others to drown.

In one instance, a boat full of people but minus its cars (which had evidently been seized by others who jumped overboard and used to support them from drowning) drifted right into the conflagration, and all aboard perished.

Many deeds of heroism were witnessed. A police boat succeeded in rescuing from the flames two motor boats lying alongside a small rowing boat which had become involved in the conflagration.

This morning, hundreds of homeless people were to be seen on the shore gazing at the charred remains of their floating homes, whilst bodies of the victims were to be seen all along the foreshore.—Our Own Correspondent.

Another Version.

Another accounts states that in the fire many floating restaurants constructed on pontoons and rafts by the side of river, together with over thirty junks, were destroyed. The conflagration, which lasted fully two hours, was witnessed by thousands of people on the shore. The scene was the famous pleasure-seeking quarter known to all who have visited Wuchow.

No sooner had the first alarm been raised from one of the floating restaurants than a scene of pandemonium was witnessed among the sampans and junks attached to this huge raft. Hundreds of people were seen trying to escape either by jumping into the water or cutting adrift their craft.

From 3.30 p.m. onwards the fire could be seen in many parts of Wuchow, the flames shooting high up into the sky. Fire Brigades and police turned out in force to assist the floating populace. The inflammatory nature of the materials comprising the restaurants and pontoons added to the intensity of the fire which for over an hour defied all efforts of the Fire Brigades.

Heavy Casualties.

While the damage done to the destroyed sampans, junks and restaurants is estimated well beyond \$300,000, it has to be recorded that over forty people belonging to the restaurants and other vessels are unaccounted for, and it is feared that the number of those who perished in the fire or were drowned while trying to escape must have exceeded this number, as some of the sampan people failed to report their losses to the authorities.

There were many exciting rescues and much meritorious work by the police and firemen.

The Chinese authorities later dispatched soldiers and gendarmes to the scene to preserve order and render assistance.

The flames, after burning fiercely for over two hours, were checked at 5.30. Forty or so small wooden houses near the shore were also involved and became completely gutted.

This is the second occasion on which a big fire has occurred in the pleasure district of Wuchow along the Bund.

HONGKONG RESIDENT MARRIED.

WEDDING IN SHANGHAI ON SATURDAY.

Shanghai, Oct. 19.
Mr. A. E. Arnold, of the Hongkong staff, Messrs. Butterfield and Swire, was married yesterday to Miss Marian Kathleen Hooley.—Our Own Correspondent.

MRS. BRUCE'S LIFE IN THE DESERT.

ENCOUNTER WITH "SHEIKH" AFTER PLANE CRASH.

DANCED TO PACIFY.

London, Oct. 19.
Details have just reached England of the experiences of Mrs. Victor Bruce, the Englishwoman who recently set out in a single-seater machine on a flight to Japan, which broke down in Persia. The story reads more like a page from our highly imaginative lady author's romances.

Mrs. Bruce made excellent progress on her long flight until after leaving Bushire.

She encountered a violent sandstorm and attempted to land, on what seemed to be hard sand, but the plane sank into it and overturned.

Baluchi tribesmen appeared on the scene and seemed hostile, but she made friends with them by interesting them in an alarm clock and by dancing and singing to them.

After some nights in the desert, living on water and dates given her by the tribesmen, she persuaded the chief to send a message to Jask, forty miles distant, and three Englishmen came to her help.

They mended the aeroplane and Mrs. Bruce flew it to Jask with one of them Mr. Wilson, an Imperial Airways engineer, lying along the fuselage.—British Wireless.

ARMY DISPLAY AT ALDERSHOT.

WITNESSED BY EMPIRE DELEGATES.

London, Oct. 19.
Most of the delegates to the Imperial Conference yesterday witnessed a special Army display arranged for them near Aldershot.

Many branches of the Service took part, and particular interest was shown in the latest types of tanks and mechanised transport. Tactical operations took place designed to show the use of these and other arms in battle.—British Wireless.

YOUNG MR. JOWETT'S WIRE TO PEKING.

EXPECTED TO REACH CHINA YESTERDAY.

Shanghai, Oct. 20.
A message from Peking states that Mr. Christopher Jowett, the eighteen-year-old nephew of the Rt. Hon. F. W. Jowett, who has been in the hands of the Soviet police for three weeks, wired from Chita stating that he was leaving on October 18, Saturday, and expected to enter Chinese territory on Sunday.

Up to the present, there is no news of his having done so.—Reuter.

EINSTEIN DINNER IN LONDON.

BERNARD SHAW TO BE HEARD.

London, Oct. 19.
Professor Einstein, the author of the famous theory of relativity, is to be entertained in London, on October 20th at a dinner over which Lord Rothschild will preside.

Many distinguished men will be present, and Bernard Shaw's speech proposing Einstein's health, and the latter's reply, will be broadcast.—British Wireless.

HEAVY FALL OF SNOW IN NEW YORK.

SUDDEN WEEK-END DROP IN TEMPERATURE.

New York, Oct. 19.
After a long spell of mild weather, the temperature dropped suddenly during the week-end to forty degrees.

Eighteen inches of snow fell in some parts of New York State and some thousands of cars are snow-bound.—Reuter's American Service.

NEW EXCHANGE BASIS FOR CIVIL SERVICE.

GOVERNOR'S PROMISE DURING BUDGET DEBATE.

Unofficials Criticise Many Forms of New Taxation.

ASSESSMENT TAX ANOMALIES.

The full-dress debate on the Budget in Legislative Council this morning revealed the Unofficial Members as reconciled to increased taxation, though the Hon. Dr. Ts'o expressed some dissatisfaction that the extra revenue would be entirely devoted to counterbalancing the silver slump and the cost of heavily increased emoluments, while criticism was expressed on all hands at many of the proposed forms of new taxation.

The Hon. Sir Shouson Chow made a general speech as the Senior Unofficial, and his colleagues added their individual comments. Replying to the Government plea that this Colony is lightly taxed, Sir Shouson Chow pointed out that the cost of living here is higher than most places in or out of China. On the point of expenditure, he said that the Shing Mun and Aberdeen water works should take precedence over all others.

The Hon. J. Owen Hughes gave interesting comparative figures of personal emolument growths; the Hon. Dr. Kotewall criticised the Assessment Tax and urged the Government to consider other forms, suggesting a tax on meals taken at restaurants and tea-houses; Dr. Ts'o urged the Government to leave no stone unturned to stabilise Hongkong currency; and the Hon. Mr. Braga urged that highly paid Civil Servants and city magnates living in rent free houses should not escape the Assessment Tax, gave a striking instance of false economy, and recommended quest of a grant from the Colonial Development Fund to assist private enterprises in Hongkong, as part of a proposal that assistance should be given to local industries to enable them to meet intensive competition by heavily subsidised imports.

Criticism of the new levies on shipping was made by the Hon. Mr. Mackie and the Hon. Mr. Paterson, while the Hon. Mr. Lauder, doubtful about the Government's 1s. 4d. rate of exchange basis in computing expenditure, suggested that a minimum rate be fixed for sterling paid officers of the Government.

H.E. The Governor, replying to the debate, went further than Mr. Lauder's proposal, stating that he was prepared subject to the Secretary of State's approval, to instruct that in the conversion, half shall be converted at the current rate, and the other half at 1/6. This, it is estimated, will effect a saving of nearly four lakhs.

SUGGESTED AID TO INDUSTRY.

The Hon. Sir Shouson Chow, in addressing the council, said:—

Sir,—It is my privilege for the third time to present the joint views of the unofficial members of this Council on the Budget, after which certain of my honourable colleagues will, as is customary, make some observations of their own.

This is Your Excellency's first budget; and although it is not one that can provoke our enthusiasm, since a considerable portion of the increased expenditure necessitating increased taxation is directly attributable to the general revision of salaries, we respectfully tender Your Excellency our congratulations on the able manner in which you have grappled with the unusual difficulties of its production.

The Hon. Colonial Secretary's speech, and the Hon. Colonial Treasurer's memorandum on the Revenue, have made clear the financial position of the Colony; and the summaries now added to each Departmental Estimate, as a result of representations made last year by the unofficial members, are an improvement, showing at a glance the total expenditure of each Department.

Abstract Missing.

On the other hand, there is one important document which we have missed this year. It is the abstract showing the differences between the approved Estimates of Expenditure for 1930 and the Estimates of Expenditure for 1931.

For about twenty-three years, except for one or two years during the Great War, this abstract has invariably been presented with the

Estimates; it is a very useful document in that it not only accounts for the increases and decreases in the expenditure under each head, but also shows such differences in total under the title "Recapitulation." For instance, the abstract presented last year enabled us to tell at a glance how much of the total increase in Personal Emoluments was due to the creation of new posts, how much to stipulated increments, and how much to other emoluments, just as it enabled us to find out how much saving was to be effected by the abolition of posts, how much by reductions due to new appointments, and how much by other readjustments.

This year, in the absence of such a statement, we have not been able to ascertain these important facts, though it is more necessary now than in previous years for the public to know how the total of Personal Emoluments is made up, especially what total increase is entailed by the revision of salaries.

The scantiness of the footnotes was commented upon by the unofficials last year, and the Hon. Colonial Secretary promised to repair the omission in future Estimates. This has been done in the Estimates of Expenditure, but in the Estimates of Revenue there is not a single explanatory note to account for the increases or decreases shown therein. The Hon. Colonial Secretary in his speech, and the Hon. Colonial Treasurer in his Memorandum, gave some explanations, but they covered only a few selected sub-heads, leaving unexplained innumerable items showing differences be-

tween the Estimates for 1930 and the Estimates for 1931.

Increased Taxation Unfortunate.

The proposed augmentation of existing taxes and the imposition of new taxes, though unfortunate in these bad times, seem to us unavoidable, when we consider that the Colony is at present living to an appreciable extent on its capital, and that resort has been made, and will have to be made, to public loans to finance certain public works of urgent importance. But while we speak of new taxation as being unavoidable, it must not be thought that we agree with the Government that the Colony is not as heavily taxed as some other colonies. It should be remembered that the cost of living in Hongkong is higher than that of most places in and out of China. But whether our reasoning is sound or not, the additional taxation is very unfortunate, coming as it does at a time when the Colony is suffering from a serious depression of trade, with little prospect of an early revival.

I will now proceed to examine individual items of the Estimates of Revenue.

Public School Fees.

On Page 9 we find that the vote "Public School Fees" shows an increase of \$22,000. Although, when last year's Estimates were before the Council, the Hon. Sir Henry Pollock on behalf of the unofficial members asked the Government to consider whether such fees might not be reduced, we do not demur to the present proposal, as we consider it not unreasonable. It affects only the upper forms of King's College and Queen's College and five other Government Schools where the fees in the past have been low in comparison with those of other schools.

On the same page, the vote "Use of Motor Vans" shows an increase from \$7,500 to \$25,000. We do not understand the purpose of the item, nor can we conjecture the reason for its large increase.

Message Fees.

On Page 9, again, the item "Message Fees" under "Post Office" is increased by \$170,000. We should like to know whether these messages are all transmitted by wireless or, if not, by what other means they are transmitted.

The public would be interested to know what revenue the Colony receives in return for the large and growing expenditure of the Wireless Sub-Department; for in addition to the annually recurring charges shown under the Sub-Department proper, provision is made under the Public Works Department for special expenditure amounting to \$78,700.

Kowloon-Canton Railway.

The revenue from the Kowloon-Canton Railway shows a slight decrease of about \$1,000, as we see from Page 10: while on pages 97-106 under Expenditure, we find that the staff of the Department has been augmented and a larger supply of coal and locomotive oil has been provided for.

A short statement of the position of the Railway would be interesting.

On Page 11 the item "Other Miscellaneous Receipts" shows a drop from \$200,000 to \$50,000.

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MURDER OF YOUNG WOMAN.

FOUND STRANGLING IN BED ON SATURDAY.

SEARCH FOR HUSBAND.

The attention of the Criminal Investigation Department has been called to another case of cold-blooded murder, which occurred during the week-end, the victim being a young Chinese woman living in the Kowloon City district, who was found dead after having been strangled with a cord.

Police who were called late on Saturday night to No. 94a, Shapo Village, found the cubicle in which the woman had been living with a man, supposed to be her husband, to be locked. They broke open the door and found the woman lying lifeless on her bed.

Around her throat was a cord which was deeply embedded in the flesh. The body was quite warm, and death appears to have occurred only a short time before discovery.

Statement obtained from the other inmates of the floor show that the murder occurred during the time they were all absent from the premises, spending the evening at the Theatre. On their return they found the door locked and receiving no response to their knocks, had thought the matter queer and informed the police straight away.

The woman, they say, had been living on the premises for four months, being visited frequently by a man, who, she informed them, was her husband.

She gave her name as Lai Ngan Ngoi, and her age as 27. Acting on the information given, the police are endeavouring to locate the man who had been living with the deceased.

YOUNGER NEHRU IS RE-ARRESTED.

MAY GO BACK TO GAOL FOR SEDITION.

Allahabad, Oct. 19.

Jawahar Lal Nehru, the President of the All-India Congress, who was only recently released from gaol, was re-arrested to-day as he was leaving a meeting owing to a seditious speech he made during the morning.

It will be recalled that Nehru, immediately on his release from prison, made an indiscreet statement, declaring that the Congress was greater than Gandhi and would fight to the bitter end to achieve the independence of India.—Reuter.

Bombay, Oct. 19.

Osman Sobhani, the new President of the Bombay War Council, has been sentenced to nine months' hard labour. His successor, another Moslem, named Hajinoot Mahomed Ahmed, has also been arrested.—Reuter.

Allahabad, later.

The re-arrest of Jawahar Lal Nehru is understood to be due to a recent speech advocating the non-payment of taxes.—Reuter.

SCHNEIDER CUP FLIER KILLED.

FATALLY HURT IN MOTOR ACCIDENT.

London, Oct. 19.

Flight Lieutenant O. E. Worsley, a member of the victorious British Schneider Trophy team in 1927, died yesterday after a motor accident on the Bath Road.

Flight Lieut. Worsley occupied second place in the 1927 Schneider Cup Race, his average speed being 272.6 miles an hour. He had been in aviation for thirteen years. He joined the Royal Naval Air Service during the war as a mechanic.—British Wireless.

STOWAWAYS REACH MARSEILLES.

ELEVEN CHINESE ARRESTED AT STATION.

Marseilles, Oct. 19.

Eleven Chinese stowaways, who arrived at Marseilles from Shanghai aboard the Messageries Maritimes liner Sphinx, were arrested to-day as they were about to entrain for Paris without tickets, passports or landing permits.—Reuter.

TO AUSTRALIA IN TEN DAYS.

REMARKABLE FEAT BY KINGSFORD SMITH.

STORY OF MEETING WITH UNLUCKY HILL.

RECORD SHATTERED.

Port Darwin, Oct. 19.

Wing-Commander Kingsford Smith, Australia's Lindbergh, completed his flight from Heston to Australia in 10 days, 2 hours, 10 minutes. The Hinkler record of 15½ days, which had withstood a series of challenges for nearly three years, was thus completely shattered. He flew well over 10,000 miles, and his average of 1,000 miles a day is a brilliant achievement.

The gallant aviator returned the greetings of the Government and civic authorities from the cockpit. He climbed out and asked for a cigarette, but declined an offer of a whisky and soda as he "preferred flying on water."

Off for Sydney.

The formal greetings were brief, though Kingsford Smith had a wonderful welcome from the large crowd. He drove off to the town for a wash and dinner, and returned later to overhaul his machine as he is leaving for Sydney at six o'clock to-morrow morning.

He told interviewers that he had encountered strong head winds on the last lap of his long journey, and had to allow a variation of five degrees. He declared that the whole flight was the best he had ever done (he has flown the Pacific and the Atlantic) as he had averaged 110 miles an hour flying time throughout.

Tribute to Hill.

A striking tribute was paid to the unlucky Lieutenant Hill, of the R.A.F., who crashed when within 500 miles of Port Darwin, and was therefore in sight of a new record, though it would have been a short-lived one.

Wing-Commander Kingsford Smith said he was genuinely grieved that Hill had crashed. He said that Hill had achieved something wonderful in that he had had to do a lot of night-flying and had had to battle against bad storms and other odds "that I fortunately missed."

Kingsford Smith explained that as he was approaching Attambua, he saw Lieut. Hill's machine smashed, but when he landed he found Hill waiting to greet him. Hill welcomed him with a smile and asked him whether he had a collapsible boat.

"No," replied Smith. "Well take mine," rejoined Hill, "I shall not need it now."

Kingsford Smith accepted the offer, but he had to turn away to hide his emotion.

King's Congratulations.

A telegram has been despatched from Sandringham requesting the Acting-Governor of Australia to congratulate Wing-Commander Kingsford Smith on behalf of His Majesty.

Mr. Ramsay MacDonald and Lord Amulree, the new Air Minister, have also called their congratulations.—Reuter.

Kingsford Smith left Croydon Aerodrome at 5.55 a.m. on October 9th and by Greenwich mean time reckoning, his flight may justly claim to have been completed within ten days. He left Timor Island early this morning and landed in Port Darwin at two o'clock this afternoon, local time. He received an overwhelming reception.

Against Advice.

His small single seater Avro-Avian machine with 120 h.p. Gipsy engine is the latest model of the same type used by Hinkler on his Australian flight. It has given him no moment of anxiety on the long journey.

Kingsford Smith has made possibly the most remarkable long distance flight in the history of aviation. When he left England he was suffering from the effects of an operation and was advised by doctors not to fly. In disregarding their injunction he added another record to the many achievements to his credit which include a flight round the Australian coast, flights across the Pacific and Atlantic.

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CAPT. DOLLAR IN HONGKONG.

LARGE GATHERING ENTER-
TAINED AT DINNER.

NOT RETIRING YET.

The picturesque figure of Cap-
tain Robert Dollar, head of the
shipping line of that name, was
again in Hongkong over the week-
end. He is on a tour of the East,
and arrived and left on the round-
the-world steamer President Fill-
more.

A large number of guests were
entertained at dinner on the ves-
sel on Saturday, when Captain
Dollar, in reminiscent mood, told
of his reasons for not retiring at
the age of 86 years, and spoke
forcibly on the necessity of trade
and commerce to a nation.

Sir Robert Ho Tung, an old
friend of Captain Dollar, was the
principal guest. He was intro-
duced by Mr. T. B. Wilson, local
manager of the line, and said:

When Mr. Wilson was kind
enough to invite me to attend to-
night's function, I accepted his in-
vitation with keen pleasure, as the
occasion is in honour of my old
friend, Captain Robert Dollar.
When Mr. Wilson did me the fur-
ther honour of asking me to say a
few words this evening, by way of
formally introducing Captain Robert
Dollar to this gathering, I gladly
complied with his request, because
I appreciated at once that my
task would not only be a pleas-
ant one, by reason of my long
friendship with Captain Dollar,
but would also be a very easy one,
seeing that no eloquence would be
needed to introduce Captain Robert
Dollar to any business man
anywhere in any part of the
world. (Applause.)

I first met Captain Dollar in
1918 in San Francisco, at a lun-
cheon party given in my honour
by the members of the General
Chamber of Commerce of that
city, when I had the good fortune
of being seated next to him. I
was so much impressed by his
strong personality that I then look-
ed forward to meeting him again.
The opportunity came, five years
later, when, curiously enough,
both he and I happened to be in
Shanghai, and we were both in-
vited to address the students of a
Commercial College on the same
day. My friendly contact with
him in that year has since ripened
into a friendship I greatly value.
Amongst the possessions which I
treasure are two biographies of
himself which he was kind enough
to present to me with his auto-
graph.

Big Shipping Interests.

Beginning in a humble way in
his youth, and with nothing to aid
him but his own intellect, his per-
severance, and his broad outlook,
Captain Dollar has forged for him-
self the proud position of owner
of one of the biggest shipping in-
terests in the world. His pen-
etrating outlook enabled him to see,
much earlier than the subsequent
competitors, the immense possi-
bilities of trade between China and
America, and he was in fact one of
the first pioneers in this line of
business. In those early days he
saw that there were not enough
ships to carry lumber to China,
and so he went on building ships.
As time went on he found that
there was not enough lumber for
his ships to carry, and so he suc-
cessfully interested himself in
various commercial activities for
the purpose of finding cargo for
his ships. His magnificent ves-
sels, both passenger and cargo,
maintain a world service. To-day
he is undoubtedly one of the
greatest commercial giants in the
land of commercial giants, the
United States of America. (Ap-
plause.)

But Captain Dollar is not only
a great business man, he is also
a great philanthropist, and I can
testify to the esteem and affection
entertained by the Chinese to-
wards him for his kindness and
generous contributions to worthy

causes, such as Chinese School,
Y.M.C.A., etc., etc.

No Retirement.

Gentlemen, as compared with
Captain Dollar's age, we are all
mere babies. If anyone can claim
a well-earned retirement, it is he.
But his philosophy of life makes
inertia and inactivity impossible.
I should like to quote to you a
part of his characteristic answer
to a question put to him by the
London Daily Mail a few years ago
as to why he does not retire. He
said:

"Why don't I retire? Because
of sheer determination to succeed
and do things. I claim it would
have been nothing short of a crime
for me to have retired when I
reached the age of 60, because I
have accomplished far more dur-
ing the last 25 years of my life
than I did before I reached my
60th birthday. I was put into the
world for a purpose and that was
not to loaf and spend my time in
so-called pleasure, which I call
idleness."

Having attained the ripe age of
over fourscore years, with his keen
intellect unimpaired, with his
vision undimmed, with his vast
wisdom, which is the result of his
long experience, with the serenity
of mind which is the reward of
high and successful endeavour
and honourable dealings, he re-
mains the active and directing
mind of his vast shipping interests,
which, in Hongkong are so ably
looked after by Mr. Wilson, who
has always maintained the friend-
liest relationships with the ship-
pers and the shipping community
here. With Captain Dollar at the
helm, and so many able chief
officers like Mr. Wilson, I predict
for the Dollar shipping interests
—as I heartily wish them—every
increasing prosperity and success.

Captain Dollar Replies.

Replying, Captain Dollar said:
After what Sir Robert has said
I have come to the conclusion that
I am a considerable fellow, but
take that with a grain of alum,
because I am not the man he has
pictured me to be. After all he
has said really I should have noth-
ing to say, but seeing that you are
all directly or indirectly interest-
ed in shipping, it gives me great
pleasure to be able to say a few
words on that.

I have to admit that I am not
in as good a way as I am generally.
I landed in Yokohama, went to
Tokyo and then took the night
train to Kobe and then on to
Osaka. In the two days I made 52
calls. Then I came down to
Shanghai and met a lot of young
fellows there and as a result I did
a thing on the ship that I had not
done for 50 years. I took my
breakfast in bed.

Speaking of friendship, I say
that friendship is the greatest as-
set in the world. There should be
friendship with those of every
nation: How can two nations
have war if they are on friendly
terms? The same thing applies
in business. We get along so
much better if we are friendly.

China Hard Hit.

I need not say that we are hav-
ing hard times. They are having
them throughout the world and
China is suffering the same as
other nations but in addition you
have two great big armies fighting
each other. What for? For no
apparent reason. And then to
cap it all, you have no gold stan-
dard. You depended on silver and
the bottom went out of silver. All
these things put together, I claim
that you are worse off than other
nations. However, you will get
through.

Captain Dollar traced the his-
tory of the Dollar Line and the
many circumstances that had led
up to him entering the lumber,
copra and other businesses. He
claimed he was the world's oldest
lumberman, for 86 years ago he
was born in an upstairs room in
a house in a lumber camp.

Speaking of his retirement, Cap-
tain Dollar said he had often been
asked when he would leave busi-
ness. "Sir Robert Ho Tung has
told you why I don't, but I want
to add this," he said. "Since I was
70 I have done far more than I
did in my whole life and why

U.S. FLYING RECORD.

FAST TIME BY A WOMAN—
AND YOUNG LAD.

Newark, Oct. 18.
Miss Laura Ingalls has arrived
here by air from Los Angeles in 25
hours, 36 minutes flying time, thus
establishing a new women's record
for the west to east journey.

A sixteen-year old lad named
Robert Buck has flown to Newark
from Los Angeles in 23 hours, 47
minutes, thus establishing a new
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should I sit down? I was put here
to accomplish things."

Captain Dollar claimed that
trade and commerce were the
greatest benefits a nation could
have. He strongly advocated the
exchange of commodities in pre-
ference to the taking away of gold
from one country. He was always
looking for return cargoes; there
was nothing so expensive as a
cargo of air.

Interviewed by Press.

"Every nation is getting it in
the back of the neck," declared Cap-
tain Robert Dollar, when inter-
viewed by a S. C. M. Post represen-
tative on Saturday morning. "Of
course, there is a civil war going
on in China and in addition the
silver exchange has dropped so
low and probably you are worse
off here than anywhere else in the
world. I don't think you would be
worse off if it were not for this
war and the slump in the ex-
change."

Captain Dollar pointed out that
China was the only nation in the
world that had a silver basis for
its currency and he expressed the
opinion that a gold basis and ter-
mination of fighting would be the
solution of the difficulties. He
thought it practicable that a
change over to a gold standard
could be made immediately fight-
ing was finished, but they would
have to do away with the war first.
Hongkong, he thought, should be
able to change over to gold inde-
pendently of China, leaving them
to follow the example.

"America thinks it is hard hit
by this world depression," remark-
ed Captain Dollar, "but when I
come over here and see how things
are, I laugh at it. The Wall street
crashes hit us a little but the re-
ported damage of the drought to
the crops was mostly newspaper
talk."

Captain Dollar considered that
the present depression was only
one of the periodical cycles of
which he had had experience many
times before. Two or three years
ago everything was booming, and
another such period was bound
to come, but he couldn't say when
there would be a revival. He ex-
pected to see a better tone of
business inside 12 months.

Not Many Chances.

It was two and a half years ago
since Captain Dollar had been in
Hongkong and he had not noticed
very many changes. The harbour
appeared quiet that morning.

Captain Dollar said that four
new Dollar line ships were to be
launched shortly. One would be
ready in December, another in
February, while plans had been
drawn for the other two. They
would have a tonnage of approxi-
mately 17,000 and would be used
on the Pacific route.

"Shanghai is going ahead much
quicker than Hongkong," declared
Captain Dollar. "I knew there
was a good deal of building going
on but I did not know it was pro-
ceeding so fast. It seems to me it
is going on a little too fast. There
is a great future in front of
Shanghai. It will be a big city.
At Nanking they thought the war
was over, but it had been going
on for 13 years."

China's civil war is the great
obstacle in the way of it making
progress, considers Captain Dol-
lar. "Why don't they quit it?" is
his plea. "It is impossible to keep
it going for ever. They have done
more fighting than any other na-
tion I know, and have certainly
broken the civil war record."

Captain Dollar left Hongkong
yesterday on the President Fill-
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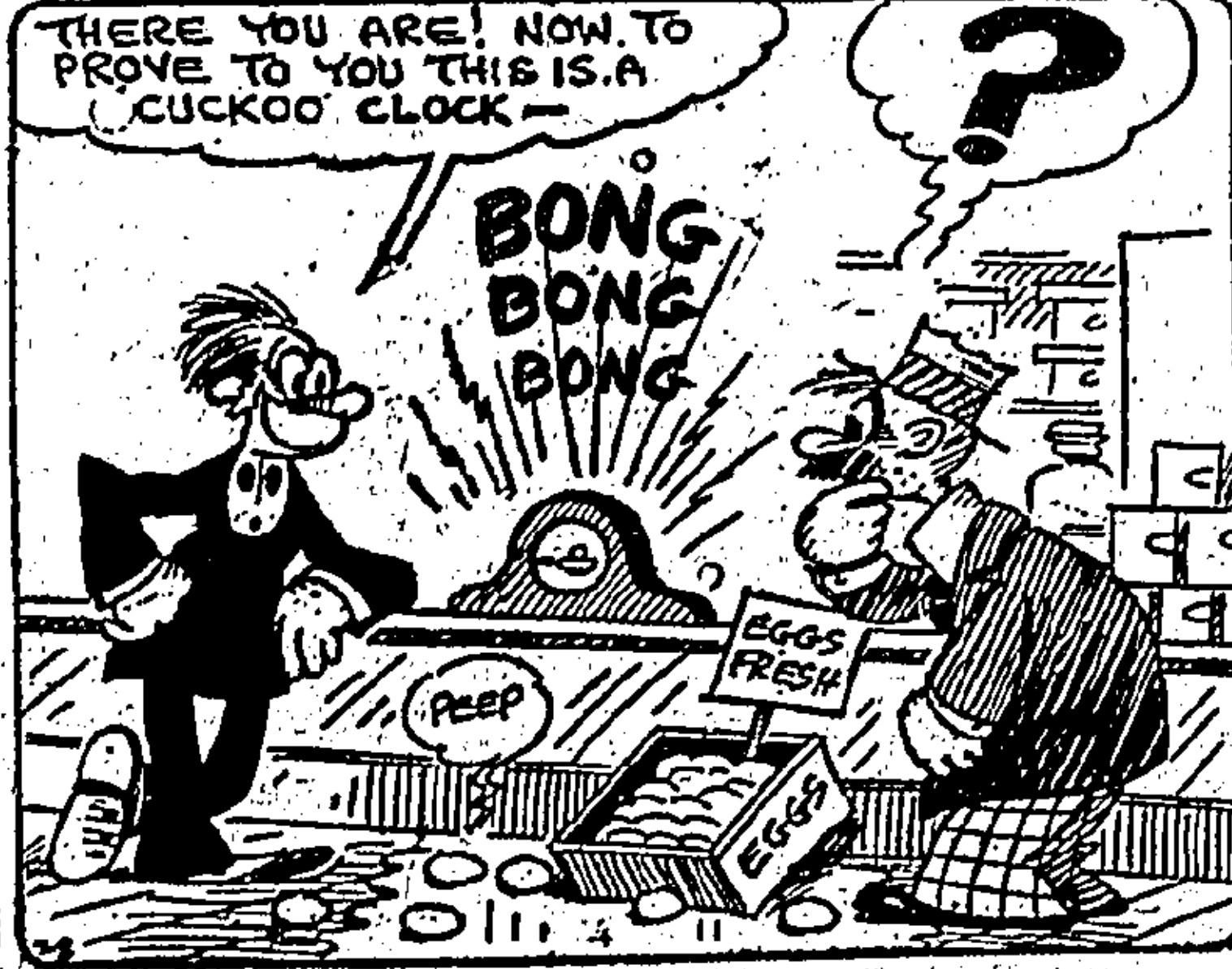
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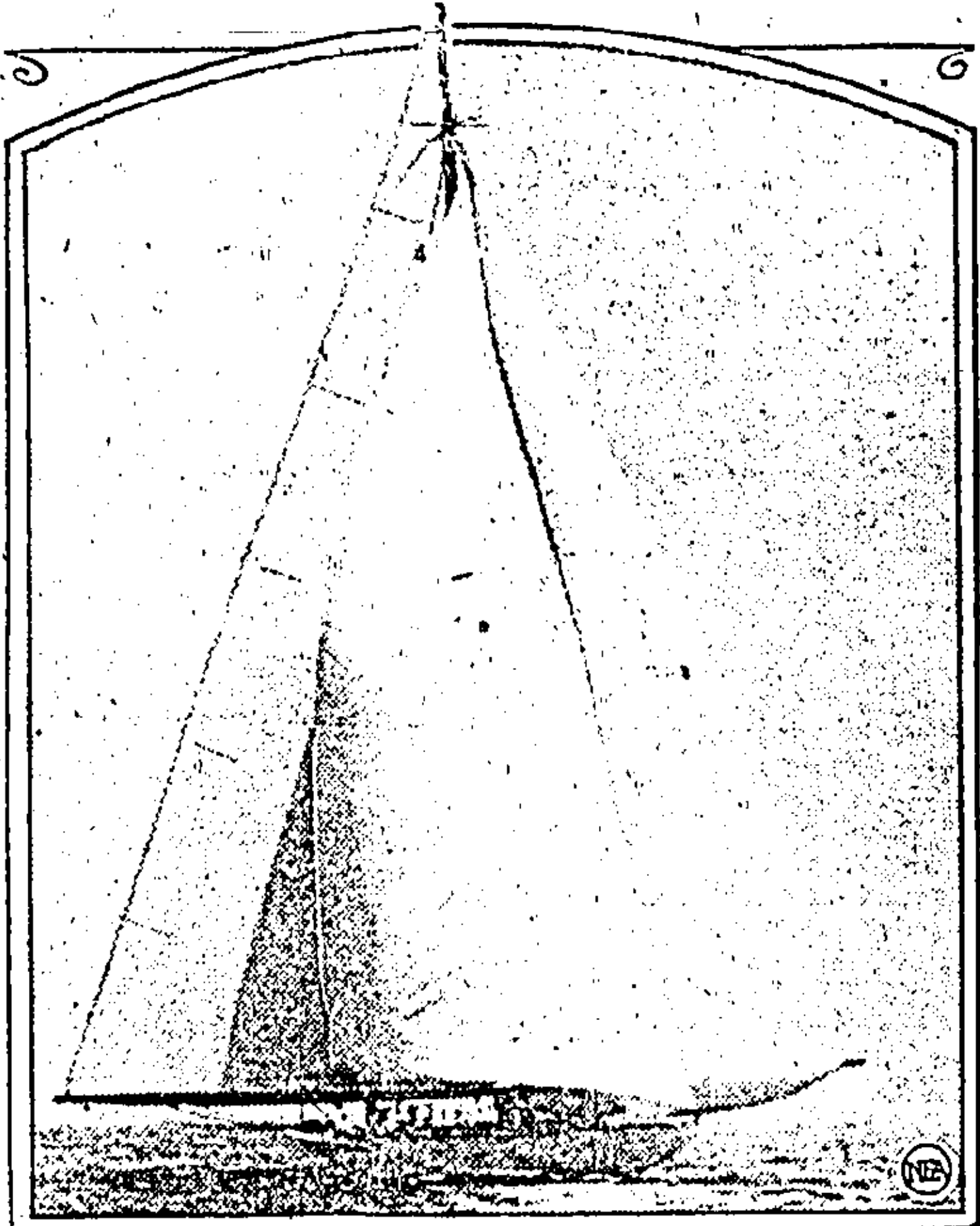
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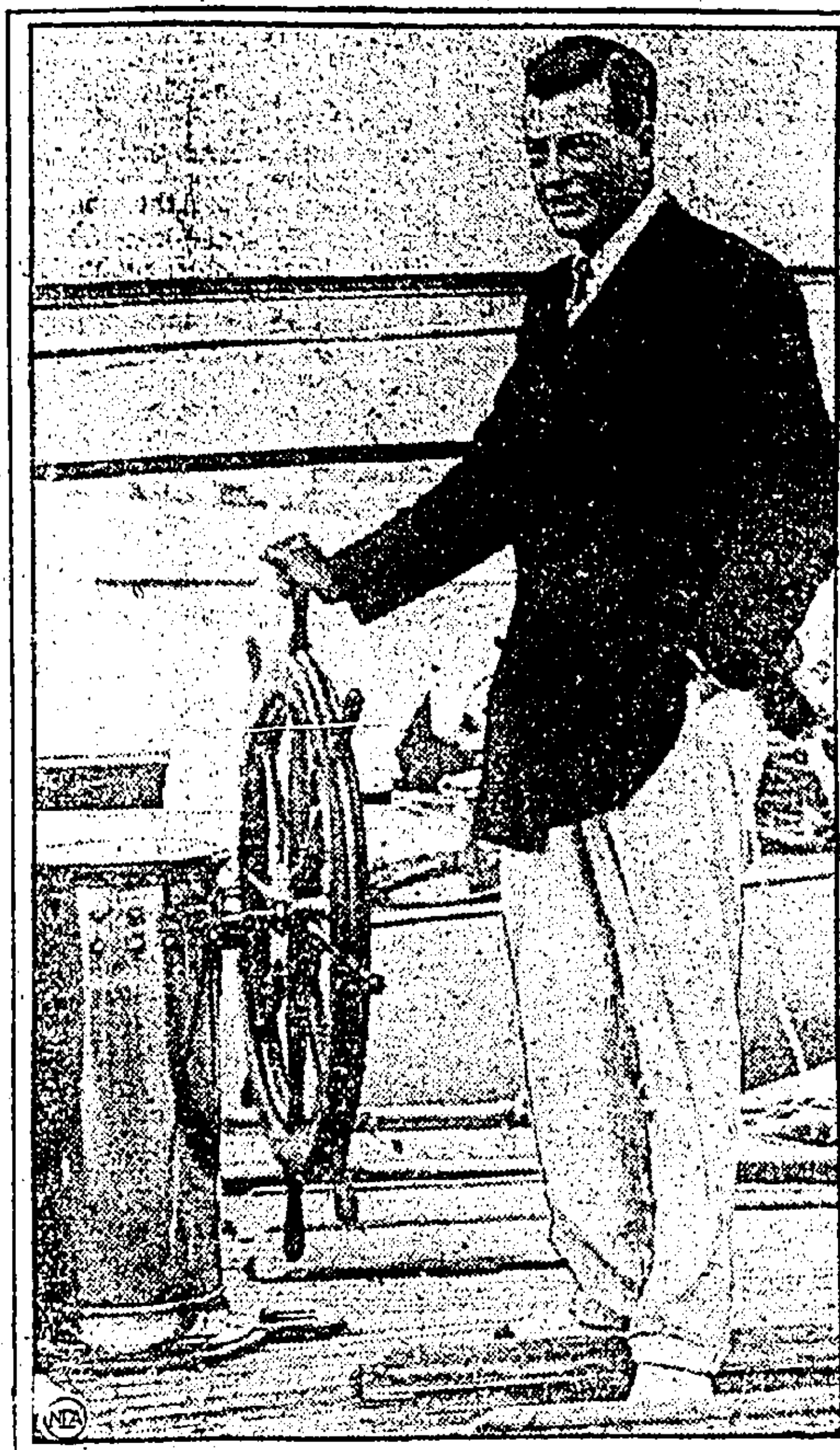
Another picture showing the Shamrock V and the Enterprise racing off Newport, Rhode Island, last month. Enterprise is leading.



The remains of a mail plane a few minutes after it crashed in Oregon recently. The pilot escaped with his mail bags before an explosion caused the fire.



From the deck of his private yacht Erin, where he's pictured at the left Sir Thomas Lipton was a most interested spectator at the trials. U.S. defender, Enterprise, is striking—shown in the photo above.



Harold S. Vanderbilt at the wheel of the yacht Enterprise, which he sailed in the America's Cup matches against Sir Thomas Lipton's Shamrock V. A former commodore of the New York Yacht Club, holder of the trophy since 1851, Vanderbilt also is the leading figure in the syndicate which built Enterprise.



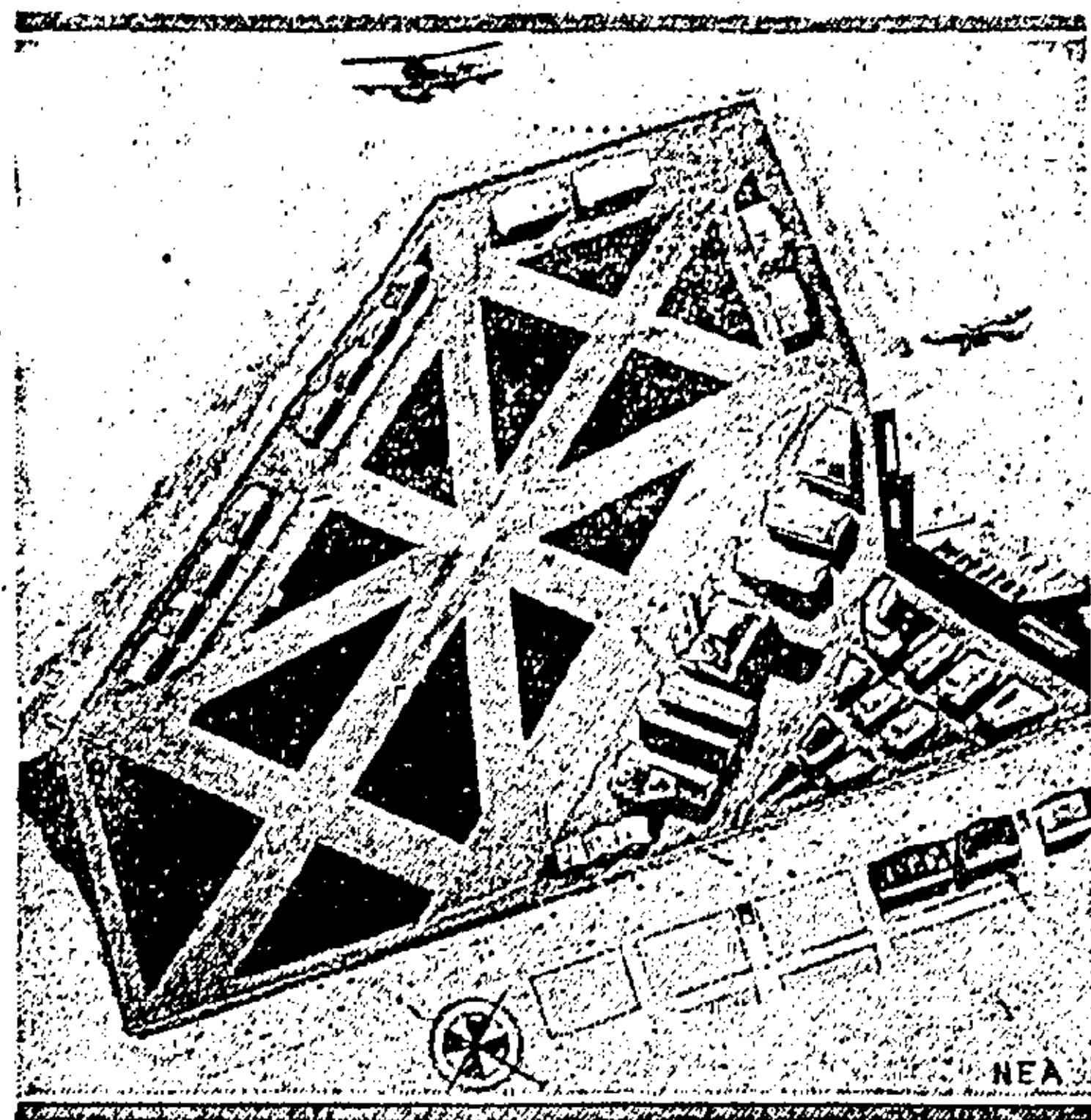
Mr. Joseph W. Ballantine the new American Consul-General at Canton. Last winter he served as expert adviser to the American delegation at the London naval conference.



"I'll let you look at the Cup if I win it," Sir Thomas is saying. "That's all you've had for years," Mayor Walker replied.



Photo shows destruction left in the flood which recently struck the sister cities of Nogales, Ariz, and Mexico, leaving five dead and 3000 homeless.



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This picture graphically depicts the rioting in the Argentine following the capital, Buenos Aires, revolt against President Hipolito Yrigoyen. Scene shows red and white flags carried by radical partisans during parade in which several were wounded.

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Mercantile A. & B., \$26 n.
East Asia \$111 n.

Insurances.

Canton Ins., \$1,080 b.
Union Ins., \$450 s.
North China Ins., Tls. 160 b.
Yangtze Ins., \$50 n.
China Underwriters, \$2.70 b.
China Fire, \$400 b.
H. K. Fire Ins., \$1,080 b.

Shipping.

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H. K. Steamboats, \$26 1/2 b.
Indo-Chinas, (Def.) \$30 n.
Union Waterboats \$31 1/2 b.

Mining.

Benguets, \$8.70 n.
Kailans, 37/8 n.
Langkats, Tls. 8 1/2 n.
Shai Explorations, Tls. 1.30 b.
Raube, \$24 1/2 b.

Docks, etc.

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China Providents \$5.15 b. (Old)
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Ewo Cottons, Tls. 12 b.
Shai Cottons, Tls. 82 (old) n.

Lands, Hotels, etc.

H. and S. Hotels, \$11.30 b.
H. K. Lands, \$76 1/2 b. (Old)
do. \$75 1/2 n. (New)
Shai Lands Tls. 305 b.
Humphreys, \$16 b.
Realities, \$8.40 b.
Chinese Estates \$87 n.

Public Utilities.

Tramways, \$17.70 s.
Peak Trams, (old) \$13.60 n.
Star Ferries, \$8 1/2 s.
China Lights, (Old) \$25.10 b.
H. K. Electric, \$78 1/2 s.
Macao Electric, \$23 n.
Telephones \$36 1/4 n.
China Buses, Tls. 18 1/2 n.
Singapore Tractors, 8/- n.

Industrials.

China Sugars, 85 cts. s.
Malabons, \$27 n.
Cantons, \$27 n.
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United Asbestos \$5 n.

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CINEMA NOTES.

GALAXY OF STARS IN
"FREE AND EASY."

Plenty of familiar faces may be seen in "Free and Easy," which is showing at the Queen's Theatre for Metro-Goldwyn-Mayer made liberal use of its stars, players and directors in casting this all-talking comedy extravaganza which is a laugh from start to finish.

Most of the action of the picture, which is a satire of Hollywood activities, takes place within the studio confines and the moviegoer is given the unexpected treat of seeing his favourite actor portraying emotion before the camera and microphone while a well known director stands on the sidelines giving orders. Some of the players and directors who appear in the various sequences are Buster Keaton, who by the way talks and sings for the first time on the screen, and proves himself doubly funny in doing so; Anita Page, Robert Montgomery, Trixie Friganza, Dorothy Sebastian, Karl Dane, John Miljan, Gwen Lee, Lionel Barrymore, Fred Niblo and Cecil B. De Mille. Then there are William Haines and William Collier, Sr. but this production has been too lavishly cast to be able to remember half the players who may be seen at one time or another in its hilarious scenes.

The story is that of a beauty prize-winner who comes all the way from Kansas with her mother and manager for the purpose of becoming a moving picture star. When a celebrated actor attempts to take advantage of her innocence under the guise of helping her to get a screen test, things look pretty black but with the help of her hefty mother and the somewhat absent-minded but willing manager everything is brought to a happy climax and the girl, although she does not get a part in pictures, gets a husband instead.

Edward Sedgwick, who directed the production, obviously had his tongue in his cheek and has given the most serious occurrences a burlesque air which has the spectator rolling in his seat. The scenes in which Karl Dane, for instance, is blown into the air when a charge of dynamite is set off at the wrong moment, or Miss Friganza rehearses a cave-woman stunt, or Keaton appears in the midst of a jayish revue in what apparently is something resembling a dirigible, have not been rivaled for sheer, unadulterated good humour.

Duncan Sisters Coming.

"It's a Great Life," the Metro-Goldwyn-Mayer picture starring the Duncan Sisters, which will open on Wednesday at the Queen's Theatre, is an all-talking, singing and dancing film directed by Sam Wood and filmed with technicolour sequences. The story might well be a biography of the dancers dealing with a sister act in vaudeville which finds itself in difficulties when a quarrel separates the pair who find themselves "Flops" as singles.

The new film incorporates a number of skillfully executed dance routines handled by Sammy Lee, who has received no little distinction as a result of his work in several Broadway musical comedy successes. The Duncan Sisters, as usual, score with their songs.

The music was composed by Dave Dreyer, responsible for "Me and My Shadow," "Rainbow 'Round My Shoulder" and other hits. Ballard MacDonald wrote the lyrics. "Trial of the Lonesome Pine" started him off on one of the most successful careers in the field of popular music.

A very capable supporting cast is headed by Lawrence Gray and includes Bobby Rubin, Jed Prouty, Dudley Chambers, Oscar Apfel, George Davis and George Porciat.

"Journey's End."

No chances were taken by Tiffany Productions, Inc., with the technical detail and scenic investiture in filming "Journey's End," the R. C. Sheriff war play, that critics have termed the most sensational stage success of to-day.

Colonel Gordon Magee, perhaps the foremost authority in Hollywood on British and other foreign military regulations and atmosphere, was the technical advisor, with the aid of practically the entire staff and cast of the production. Nearly every member of "Journey's End" has seen the type of war service depicted, and this is an assurance of absolute perfection in detail.

James Whale directed this all-talking picture, recorded by RCA Photophone, and coming soon to the Central Theatre. Whale is a war veteran and also directed the original London and New York stage productions of the play. Colin Clive, who created the original role of Stanhope in the first stage production, plays the same role in the screen version. He travelled from London to Hollywood to do it. His round trip involved twenty days of travelling for twenty-eight days of work before the camera. He had to be back in London on a definite date to resume the stage role.

George Pearson, supervisor of the entire filming, is one of the best known English directors and film producers. He has combined a lifetime of experience in both dramatic and film work

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Some enquiry has been experienced for Blacks but enquirers for Dyed Coatings found holders asking increased prices in sympathy with higher prices current for Japanese prototypes.

Small lots of White Shirtings have changed hands, but turnover in this direction is extremely small these days.

Cotton values show little change, and fluctuations have been confined to narrow limits. Latest quotations to hand are those of 18th instant. Mid. Am. "Spot" 5.75d. Eg Sakel 9.70d.

Another report states: A small business continues to be done in miscellaneous lines of Spring Fancies and some activity is reported to be easier and concessions can generally be obtained. Prices for Japanese cargo in the local market are said to be lower and the demand for cottons is only on a small scale.

Woollens.—A small repeat order business is reported to have been done in Continental Serges and Meltons. Some orders have also been placed in Gaberdines and Wool Venetians, although quantities are not large.

Clearances of Woollens have again been satisfactory and local prices remain firm.

Metals.—Local market dull.

Flour.—Stock: American 350,000 bags, Canadian 70,000 bags, Australian 20,000 bags. Market: Weak and prices are inclined to fall.

EXCHANGE RATES.

	Previous Day.	Yesterday.
Paris	123.87 1/2	123.87 1/2
Geneva	25.02 1/2	25.02
Berlin	20.43	20.43
Ostend	18.16	18.16
Helsingfors	193	193.1/8
Athens	375	375
Buenos Aires	38.1/16	48 1/2
Shanghai	1/7 1/2	1/7 1/2
New York	4.86	4.86
Amsterdam	12.08 1/2	12.07
Stockholm	18.09	18.09 1/2
Vienna	24.42 1/2	24.42 1/2
Madrid	49.75	49.75
Suva	318	318
Montevideo	38 1/2	39 1/2
Hongkong	1/3.9/15	1/3.9/15
Brussels	34.84	34.84 1/2
Milan	92.80 1/2	92.79 1/2
Copenhagen	18.16	18.16
Prague	163 1/2	163 1/2
Rio	45	45
Lisbon	108.25	108.25
Bombay	1/5.13/16	1/5.13/16
Yokohama	2/0 1/4	2/0 1/4
Silver (spot)	16 1/2	16 1/2
Forward	16 1/2	16 1/2

—British Wireless.

In planning and making the talking picture of "Journey's End."

Besides Colin Clive, the cast includes Ian Maclaren, David Manners, Anthony Bushell, Billy Bevan, Charles Gerrard, Thomas Whiteley, Jack Pittsair and Warner Klinger.

"A Dangerous Woman."

The strange, impenetrable mystery that envelops the jungle region of Central East Africa was brought to the eyes and ears of the audience at the Central Theatre with the showing of "A Dangerous Woman."

Through the focus of this realistic jungle panorama the audience beholds a rugged plot, incomparable acting and free-flowing comedy. The locale of the picture is a British outpost set in the jungle country near a Negro tribal village. Clive Brook plays the representative of his fatherland and Baglanova is his Russian wife. Neil Hamilton is cast in the role of Brook's brother, who is ensnared by the romantic wiles of his comely sister-in-law, and Leslie Fenton is another Brit who succumbs to the witchery of this man-hunting woman, who has seemingly "gone native" under the influence of Africa's mystic jungle enchantment.

The sparkling comedy parts are provided by Snitz Edwards as a native Negro chieftain and Clyde Cook as the faithful Cockney servant to Brook. These men are old-time favourites in humorous pretending.

The play is based on the story by Margery H. Lawrence which appeared in Cosmopolitan Magazine. Rowland V. Lee directed the picture.

"The Grand Parade."

An excellent programme is showing at the Majestic Theatre, Kowloon, and large audiences have been recorded at all screenings over the week-end. "The Grand Parade," the main attraction is a "talkie" of outstanding merit, the music being hauntingly tuneful, while the orchestra, leading solos, (especially the tenor) and chorus work are indeed of a high standard. The story running through the piece is well written, containing all the necessary ingredients of humour, pathos and drama.

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From	Per	Date
Calcutta and Straits	Talamba	October 20.
Japan	Aki Maru	October 20.
U.S.A., Honolulu, Japan and Shanghai (San Francisco 26th September)	Pres. Lincoln	October 21. (Due here Oct. 20, at 7.30 p.m.)
Europe via Suez (Letters and Papers, London 25th September and Parcels 18th September)	Macedonia	October 22.
Amoy and Swatow	Van Heutz	October 22.
Canada, U.S.A., Honolulu, Japan and Shanghai (Vancouver B.C. 2nd October)	Emp. of Canada	October 23.
Java	Tjikembang	October 23.
Australia and Manila	Tanda	November 9.

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Sam Shui and Wuchow	Anjon	Mon., Oct. 20, 4 p.m.
Japan, Honolulu, *Canada, Ceylon, Central and South America and *Europe via San Francisco and *Europe via Siberia	Pres. Grant	Mon., Oct. 20. Parcels 3 p.m. Registration 4.15 p.m. Letters 5 p.m. (Due San Francisco 12th Nov.)
Shanghai and *Europe via Siberia	Pres. Grant	Mon., Oct. 20. Registration 5 p.m. Letters 6 p.m.
*Manila, *Australia and *New Zealand via Thursday Island	Aki Maru	Tues., Oct. 21. Registration 5 p.m. Letters 6 p.m. (Due Thursday Island 3rd Nov.)
Australia and New Zealand via Manila and Thursday Island	Changto	Tues., Oct. 21. Parcels 20th 5 p.m. Registration 21st 9.45 a.m. Letters 21st 10.30 a.m. (Due Thursday Island 1st November)
Java via Batavia	Tjileboet	Tues., Oct. 21, 10 a.m.
Swatow, Amoy and Foochow	Hai Ning	Tues., Oct. 21, 2 p.m.
Saigon	Wong Shek Kung	Tues., Oct. 21, 3.30 p.m.

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Shanghai and *Europe via Siberia	Hiye Maru	Tues., Oct. 21. Registration 5 p.m. Letters 6 p.m.
Manila	Pres. Lincoln	Tues., Oct. 21, 4.30 p.m.
Swatow	Hongkong	Tues., Oct. 21, 5 p.m.
Hoihow and Haiphong	New Mahilda	Tues., Oct. 21, 5 p.m.
Swatow	Shantung	Wed., Oct. 22, 3.30 a.m.
Amoy	Taiyuan	Wed., Oct. 22, 3.30 p.m.
Straits	Van Heutz	Thurs., Oct. 23, 9.30 a.m.
Sandakan	Hin Sang	Thurs., Oct. 23, 10.30 a.m.
Manila	Empress of Canada	Thurs., Oct. 23, 3.30 p.m.
Swatow, Amoy and Foochow	Hai Ching	Fri., Oct. 24, 1 p.m.
Straits, Ceylon, India, Mauritius, East and South Africa, Aden, Egypt and Europe via Marseilles	Khyber	Sat., Oct. 25. K.P.O.

Parcels	Oct. 24, 4.30 p.m.
Registration	Oct. 25, 9 a.m.
Letters	Oct. 25, 10 a.m.
G.P.O.	
Parcels	Oct. 24, 5 p.m.
Registration	Oct. 25, 9.45 a.m.
Letters	Oct. 25, 10.30 a.m.
(Marseilles 22nd November.)	
Swatow, Amoy and Formosa	Canton Maru Sun., Oct. 26, 9 a.m.
Amoy	Hosang Mon. Oct. 27, 5 p.m.
Calcutta via Straits	Namsang Tues. Oct. 28, 1 p.m.
	Parcels Noon
	Letters 1 p.m.
Swatow, Amoy and Formosa	Haiyang Tues., Oct. 28, 1 p.m.

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*Superscribed Correspondence only.

BOWLERS CELEBRATE.

CRAIGENGOWER MEMBERS AT FESTIVE BOARD.

Members and friends of the Craigenower Cricket Club celebrated on Saturday evening, when, to mark the conclusion of yet another successful year in the Hongkong Lawn Bowls League, the President of the club, Mr. B. W. Bradbury, gave a dinner to the members and lady friends of the lawn bowls section. There was a large and representative gathering, and a thoroughly enjoyable evening was spent. Among the guests present was Mr. B. Wylie, the President of the Hongkong Lawn Bowls Association.

Subsequently, Mrs. Bradbury distributed the prizes for the various club events held during the summer, the winners including:

U. M. Omar, best bowling average, 1st XI cricket; E. Zimmer, best batting average; E. Sourbats, best bowling, cricket 2nd XI; J. W. Leonard, best batting. Tennis—Scratch singles, G. Bodiker; runner-up, J. W. Leonard. Handicap singles, H. D. Rumjahn; runner-up, H. J. Howard. Handicap doubles, H. J. Howard and F. K. Modi, runners-up, G. Gull and E. Howard. Pairs, R. Bass and R. C. Reed, runners-up, E. el Arculli and F. K. Modi.

Billiards handicap—Sutill and E. de Reza.

Lawn bowls—Club championship, R. F. Luz; runner-up, U. M. Omar. Singles handicap, W. V. Field; runner-up, B. W. Bradbury. Rinks competition, Mr. D. Rumjahn's rink. The best aggregate rink in the Open Lawn Bowls League was B. W. Bradbury's rink.

Special prizes were also presented by Mr. Bradbury to members of the senior bowls team, in recognition of their success in the League, and to members of his own rink.

A charming interval during the evening was the presentation of a silver vase and flowers to Mrs. Bradbury.

Addressing the company, Mr. Bradbury extended the heartiest of congratulations to the club for another remarkably successful summer, and mentioned that they had captured the lawn bowls trophy for the third year in succession.

Mr. B. Wylie also offered the congratulations of the Association to the club on their winning the senior competition yet another year.

A happy evening was rounded off with an enjoyable dance, which was maintained until the early hours of the morning.

THE CHINA GOLF CHAMPIONSHIP.

WON BY OFFICER OF GREEN HOWARDS.

Shanghai, Oct. 19. Lieutenant H. S. Mitchell, of the Green Howards, has won the China Amateur Open Golf Championship, his card reading:

79+74+76+77=306.

Lt. Mitchell was the English Boy Champion in 1922, and the Open Champion of Egypt in 1928.

The runner-up is Mr. M. W. Budd, formerly of Shanghai and now of Chinkiang, who held this Championship four times. His total was 308.

Mr. R. T. Denison, of Shanghai, was third, with 312.

Lieutenant Fred Nelson, of Manila, was fourth, with 314.

Mr. O. E. C. Marton was the most successful Hongkong entrant. He was seventh, with 319.—*Reuter*.

Earlier Round.

Shanghai, Oct. 18. The China Open Golf Championship, is being played for to-day (Saturday) and Sunday over seventy-two holes.

The leaders over thirty-six holes to-day are:

Denison (Shanghai) 144.
Nelson (Manila) 145.
Budd (Shanghai) 147.
Wrigley (Hongkong) 152.
McNard (Manila) 153.

—*Reuter*.

U.S. LADIES GOLF.

MISS GLENNA COLLETT WINS CHAMPIONSHIP.

Los Angeles, Oct. 18. In the final of the American women's golf championship, Miss Glenna Collett beat Miss Virginia Van Wie, by six up and five to play.

This is Miss Collett's fifth win.—*Reuter's American Service*.

HOME FOOTBALL.

RESULTS OF SATURDAY'S MATCHES.

The results of Saturday's Home football are given below. All are from Reuter excepting the 2nd Division Scottish Division.

First Division.	
Aston Villa	1 Birmingham
Bolton	1 Blackpool
Chelsea	1 Sheffield U.
Grimsby	0 Portsmouth
Huddersfield	4 Leicester
Liverpool	2 Leeds
Manchester U.	1 Arsenal
Middlesbrough	1 Sunderland
Newcastle	2 Derby
Wednesday	1 Manchester C.
West Ham	4 Blackburn

Second Division.	
Bradford	3 Charlton
Burnley	2 Swansea
Millwall	2 Bristol C.
Notts. Forest	2 Everton
Oldham	4 Cardiff
Preston N. E.	2 Plymouth
Reading	0 Port Vale
Southampton	1 West Brom.
Stoke	0 Barnsley
Tottenham	3 Bury
Wolves	0 Bradford C.

Third Division (South).	
Brentford	1 Coventry
Brighton	2 Norwich
Bristol R.	1 Watford
Crystal Pal.	3 Fulham
Exeter	4 Thames
Gillingham	0 Clapton O.
Grimsby	2 Bournemouth
Leeds	2 Notts. County
Newport	3 Walsall
Northampton	0 Swindon
Southend	6 Queen's P. R.
Torquay	2

Third Division (North).	
Accrington	0 Hartlepool
Barrow	2 Hull
Carlisle	2 New Brighton
Chesterfield	2 Doncaster
Crewe	4 Nelson
Rochdale	0 Wigan
Rotherham	1 Gateshead
Southport	1 Lincoln
Tranmere	2 Halifax
Wrexham	2 Darlington
York	1 Stockport

First Division.	
Airdrie	0 Motherwell
Celtic	3 St. Mirren
Dundee	2 Cowdenbeath
East Fife	1 Aberdeen
Hamilton	4 Clyde
Heart of Midlothian	5 Leith
Kilmarnock	1 Rangers
Morton	5 Hibernians
Partick	5 Ayr
Queen's Park	2 Falkirk

Second Division.	
Armadale	3 Clydebank
Brechin	2 Dundee U.
Dumbarton	3 Boness
Dunfermline	1 Arbroath
E. Stirling	2 Third Lanark
Montrose	2 Raith R.
Queen O' St.	1 King's Park
St. Bernard	2 Albion
St. Johnstone	1 Forfar
Stenmuir	2 Alloa

LOCAL BASEBALL.

JAPANESE SECURE THE CHAMPIONSHIP.

Japanese proved themselves the best outfit of the Hongkong Baseball League when they put it over South China at the Navy Field yesterday and picked up the 1930 Championship.

Umpired had a busy day and the game, characterised by heavy running and hard hitting, stood out as the season's best.

Japanese had luck and Koga with them, but although that pitcher had quite a lot to do with their victory, the Japanese gave him every support and seldom failed him. Fans saw Koga at his very best.

South China died hard and put up a plucky losing fight. The scores, three-two in favour of the Japanese, was a good indication of the standard and closeness of the tussle.

Saturday's Game.

The other game played over this weekend was won by the Kinoras who beat the Texaco nine by the score of 15 to 7. Only a small crowd was on hand to witness the game.

The Texaco outfit made a very poor showing, and the Kinoras had little trouble winning from them.

WOMEN'S WORLD
FOR OUR LADY READERS.

LAUNDRY NOTES.

Treatment of Silk Articles.

Silk articles can be best washed in potato water. Allow one large potato to each pint of liquid required, and grate them into the cold water. After all the sediment has settled, strain off the clear liquid and swirl the silk about in this solution. Do not wring the garment, but hang it up to drip.

Iron most silks on the wrong side. Artificial silks must always be ironed before they are dry; they cannot be dampened down successfully. For silks, never have your iron really hot, let it be just warm enough to smooth out the creases.

Velvets and chiffons can be renovated by being hung in the steamy atmosphere of a bathroom or a wash-house. Steam is good for almost all fabrics, and woollen garments, well brushed, then steamed and pressed, will turn out wonderfully fresh.

A gum solution is splendid for lessening the labour of washing woollen materials. Such a solution is made as follows:

Put four ounces of gum-arabic in an old pan with two pints of water and heat until the gum melts, stirring frequently, the while. Strain this through a piece of muslin into two gallons of hot water in which an ounce of shredded soap has been dissolved.

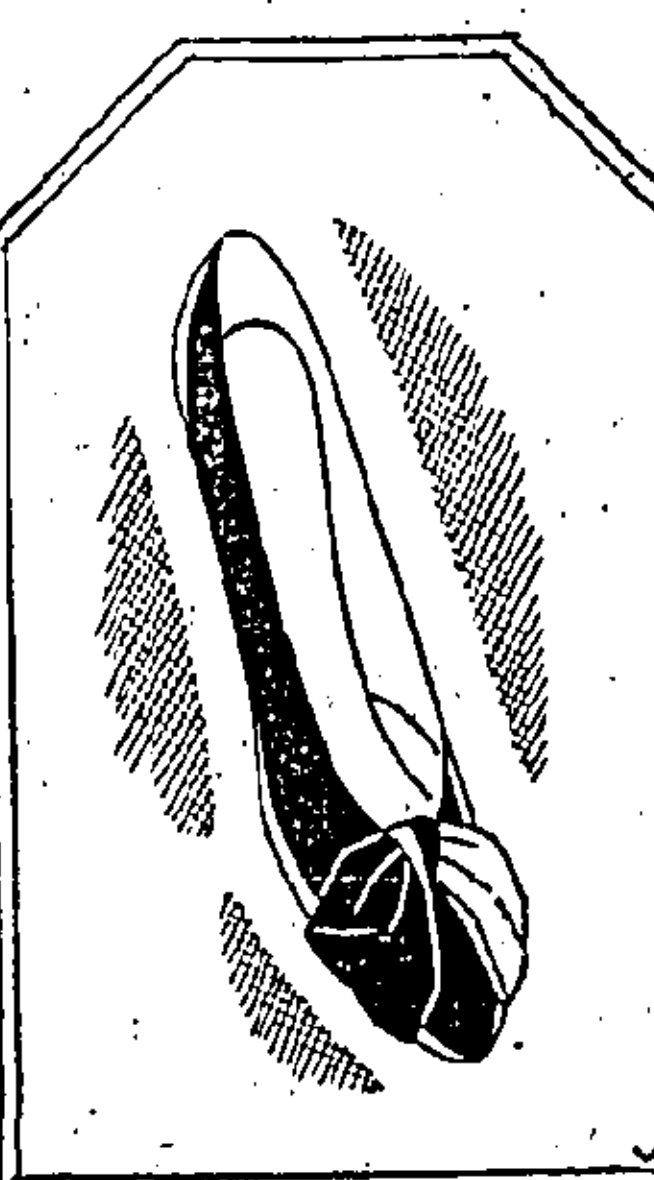
Wash the material by simply kneading and swirling it in this solution, then rinse in clear, tepid water, taking care not to wring the fabric.

An easy and effective way to clean satin slippers is to sponge them well with petrol, and let them dry in the open air.

To remove ink stains from white fabrics—cover the mark liberally, before washing, with fresh-mixed mustard, let it soak in, then wash and boil in the usual way.

A recently made ink stain can be removed by rubbing it with half of a ripe tomato. Another way is to squeeze lemon juice on to the stain; then rub with yellow soap and rinse in tepid water. Salts of lemon (which are poisonous) will remove old ink stains. Wet the stained part, stretch the article tightly over the wash-bowl, rub salts over quickly, and rinse.

Orange & Black.



A new black satin opera pump for evening has a large velvet bow of two colours, such as orange and black with the orange repeated on the heel.

Mirroring the New Mode.



There are new lengths for old in the latest evening wraps. A regal white ermine wrap, with circular capelet sleeves and a high cushion collar, comes well below the hipline. It is lined with white satin and is very smart over a new evening gown made of the seasonal stiff satin, in gleaming black.

PARIS MODES.

Designed for Middle Age.

The dangerous age for a woman is just when her figure loses its first slenderness and begins to thicken, goes on thickening, and, eventually, settles down into stolidity.

She has to come to some sort of a decision. Is she going to accept the dictates of her years or is she going to correct them?

Should she decide to fight the dictates of her age, stern discipline, self-denial, some disappointments, lie before her. She must diet, exercise, follow a strict complexion routine, and pay great attention to dress and fashion.

Her first business is to remain true to type. It is dangerous to change horses in mid-stream. For a mild girl to become an audacious middle-aged woman is to fail in subtle understanding. Even to-day there are girls who are subtly austere; as middle-aged women they should give that same impression, with the softening which time should bring.

Her Opportunity.

The audacious girl may not emphatically stress her audacity or she risks vulgarity. The scope for middle age is wide but not unlimited. Married or single the middle-aged woman has to-day a wonderful opportunity for self-

development and the expression of a charming personality.

To achieve this she has to go to school again and practise all the old-fashioned virtues, robed, if fortune favours her, not in severe black, but in Parisian black, with diamonds and pearls to give it luxury. While developing her own personality, she has to be, apparently, forgetful of herself.

The dressmakers are only just beginning to design for middle-aged women, and that because only now have middle-aged women accepted middle age with the intent of making it charming. No one wears black and black and white quite so well as the middle-aged woman. No one wears jewellery with more dignity. No one has better manners or a more assured grace than the middle-aged woman who troubles to study life in the right way.

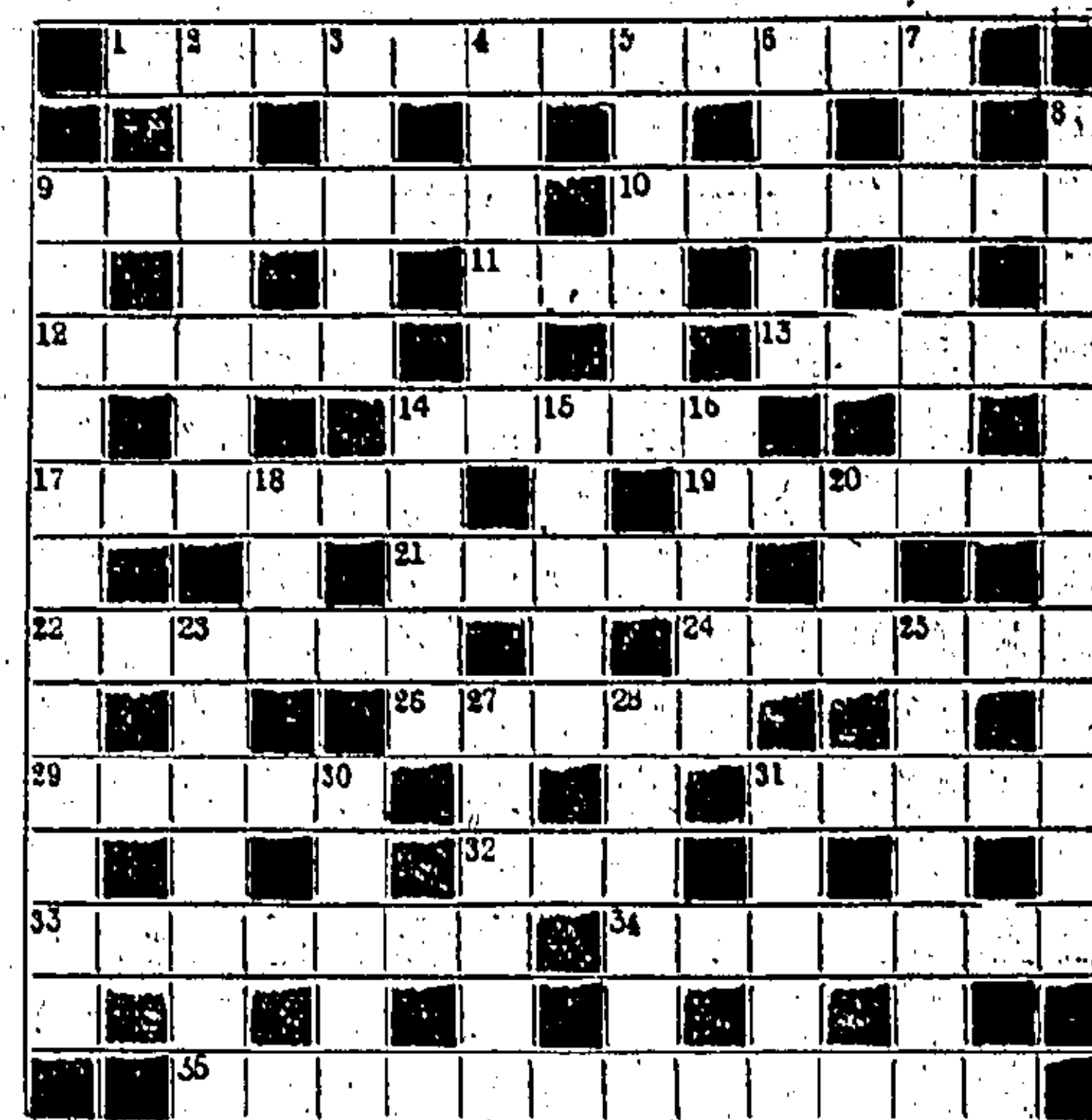
Two Josephines.

The dressmaker finds pleasure in cutting clothes to suit her to help her to look her best. He designs colour schemes, seeks for materials which give softness to her outlines, and the very difficulties of his task delight him.

Patou, though he adores youth, has made it possible for the middle-aged woman to look slim. Molyneux, with his Empire dresses, has shown a mature Josephine as well as a Josephine in girlhood.

The main rules to observe in middle age are to make the best of the material at hand and to accept truth even when unpalatable, to deal with the ravages of time intelligently.

OUR BRITISH CROSSWORDS.



Across.

- 1 "I can scent den" (anag).
- 9 Swift was this when he wrote "Gulliver's Travels."
- 10 Frightful.
- 11 Always found in pairs.
- 12 Cleanse from guilt.
- 13 The cause of many a rising.
- 14 The common variety of this is called "horse" in the States.
- 17 Unfasten.
- 19 This is scarcely as tight as it might be.
- 21 Blame may arise from out of this place.
- 22 A carpenter's tool.
- 24 This country sounds like instructions to put a girl in a tin.
- 26 This happening always has a flat start.
- 29 More than reasonable.
- 31 The pelican took one gulp and the fish disappeared (hidden).
- 32 "Tin" (anag).
- 33 Here a man begins, doing mischief.
- 34 A little gee in truly is just like a king.
- 35 The "story is a fact," and quite convincing (anag).

Down.

- 2 This is neither sharp nor flat.
- 3 To assent to.
- 4 Ten years.
- 5 Gay fellows.
- 6 Soap is the—of dirt.
- 7 Stout fellows—"and every man a brick."

- 8 "A brute to parry" (anag).
- 9 The third Sunday before Lent.
- 14 This fish makes a slice of meat.
- 15 An aristocrat—all but his head.
- 16 Select.
- 18 Give this bird an extra head, and it will become another.
- 20 The back part of a town.
- 23 A thousand corners provide livings for many industrious women.
- 25 Like a ring.
- 27 Heard on the wireless.
- 28 A favourite fur.
- 30 Vessels do this before every voyage.
- 31 One of an outcast race in the Pyrenees.

Saturday's Solution.

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ANNOUNCEMENT.

Miss E. N. Earl and Mr. F. S. W. Smith invite all friends to their Wedding at St. Andrews Church, Kowloon, on 1st November, 1930, at 2.30 p.m. and afterwards at 2, Humphreys Building, Carnarvon Road, Kowloon.

**The
Hongkong Telegraph.**

MONDAY, OCT 20, 1930.

PAYING THE PIPER.

If our Unofficial Members are not unduly vocal during the ordinary meetings of the Legislative Council, they can at least be said to make some amends when it comes to debating the Colony's Budget. This year, there has been a break with custom by setting aside a whole morning for the purpose. Outward evidence of the length of the orations can be found in our news columns to-day. As will be understood, we have not yet had sufficient time in which to analyse the Unofficial speeches, which, however, we commend to the public as being worthy of study. One point which will probably suggest itself is that, in the main, the criticisms are hardly as severe or outspoken as might have been expected, but no doubt there was a feeling on the part of the Unofficials that the bitter pill of extra taxation had to be swallowed and that it had better be done with as little fuss as possible.

Reconciliation to the necessity for further taxation is generally recognised in the speeches, with a hope that they will be remitted as soon as this becomes practicable. It will be realised, of course, that the Unofficials were faced with a difficult situation. The Budget had to be balanced, and they could hardly be expected to come forward with cut-and-dried schemes where-by no further call would be made for revenue. The origin of the trouble is the tremendous extra sum which has to be found for personal emoluments, which, in its turn, is partly due to the fall in the sterling value of the dollar. The salary increases, as is known, were forced through by weight of the Official Majority: they certainly did not have the approval of the Unofficials or of the public whom they represent. With the situation so serious as it is, we can only once again express our surprise that the Government should appear to be so unconcerned about the currency problem. A more anomalous situation than that represented by the fact that the Government receives its revenue in silver and incurs so much of its expenditure in sterling could scarcely be imagined.

"I didn't play football; The ball rolled my way and I just kicked it," pleaded a Chinese youth charged this morning with street obstruction at Aberdeen. In view of the fact that the delinquent had already spent two nights in goal during the week-end, Mr. Lindsell ordered his discharge.

This really lies at the root of the whole trouble. We refuse to believe that this currency problem is impossible of solution, and we assert that serious application to it is the greatest need of this Colony.

By this time of day, the Government has, we are happy to think, come to realise the strength of public feeling with regard to the rising cost of government. The limit has been more than reached—it has been overstepped. From all that we hear, there is a good deal going on behind the scenes in the matter of retrenchment. That is all to the good. The public, however, expects far more from the results of the labours of the Retrenchment Commission than from the Government's self-imposed economies. Indeed, there is a widespread feeling that if our burden of taxation is to be lightened, it will only be as a consequence of sweeping proposals by the Commission, which has the goodwill of the whole community in the task to which it is devoting itself. If we have to put up with unreasonable taxation at the moment, we have at least the right to expect and demand that if the Retrenchment Commission indicates how expenditure can be cut sufficiently, the burdens shall be removed without any delay. To talk of the Colony being lightly taxed, whilst at the same time ignoring other vital factors, is only to misstate the position. What is more, it only serves to raise the ire of those who know from actual experience what these constant demands by the Government for more money involve.

Canton Development.

The ability of the business man in China to overcome the handicaps of civil strife and the burdensome taxation it invariably implies, commented upon annually by the Inspector-General of Customs, who has growing trade figures and customs receipts as his criteria, is not more remarkable than the steady development of Canton as a modern city. Not for many years has Canton escaped a heavy annual bill for military expenses; the recent campaign against the Kwangsi rebels involved over \$19,000,000; yet there is reason to believe that more money has been spent on public works in Canton than in any three cities in similar position in China. Modern ideas were rather slow to obtain a foothold in the Kwangtung capital. It is not so very long ago that the first motor road was opened to traffic. To-day we find big schemes of public waterworks, city sanitation, bridge-building, etc. in progress or just completed, in addition to dozens of fine new roads. The latest development is even more interesting. A few weeks will see the inauguration of an air mail and passenger service, the first of a chain of airways that will link all important cities in the province and on the borders with Canton. The programme will be commenced with a service between Canton and Wuchow, which will enable the trip to be accomplished in two hours as against 18 hours in the normal way. It is notable that the passenger fare is to be \$25, which should mean ready use of the new facilities if the public are at all air-minded. The Director of Civil Aviation in Canton, Mr. Wong Kwong-yu, whose energy and ambition have resulted in many new aerodromes and the improvement of those already in existence when he took over the appointment, possibly took a hint from the experience of America, where the passenger use of air services has increased 250 per cent. in six months following a fifty per cent. fare reduction. Mr. Wong's seems the right way to begin and his enterprise deserves every encouragement.

A tallyman of the s.s. Hupeh was charged before Mr. Butters at Kowloon this morning with unlawful possession of 2.7 taels of raw opium on board the motor boat "Shing Lee." He was fined \$30, or six weeks' imprisonment.

DAY BY DAY

THERE ARE TWO WAYS OF DECIDING ANY CONTEST, THE ONE BY LAWS, THE OTHER BY FORCE.—Machiavelli.

The Colony has a clean bill of health for the week-end.

The Ben Line s.s. Benlomond, from Singapore, is due here on the 24th instant.

The P. and O. s.s. Macedonia, from Singapore, is due here at 9 a.m. on Wednesday.

The P. and O. s.s. Mantua from Hongkong arrived at London on the 17th October at 5 a.m.

A Chinese who was said to have been born at Honolulu, was fined \$250, or two months' hard labour, by Mr. Lindsell this morning for the possession of two revolvers and some rounds of ammunition. Inspector Andrew said the man was arrested on the Shekki ferry this morning.

An unemployed Chinese was sentenced to three months' imprisonment by Mr. Butters at Kowloon this morning for receiving a radiator meter which was stolen from a public car parked in Salisbury Road. Detective Sergeant Kellett stated that the meter was eventually found in an opium divan.

Upon the application of the Public Prosecutor (Mr. Somerset Fitzroy) this morning, the murder trial of Tang Yung, was transferred to the next Criminal Sessions, as certain developments have taken place which the Crown are desirous of investigating. Mr. F. C. Jenkin has been briefed for the defence.

"You enjoy being in goal?" asked Mr. Lindsell this morning of a Chinese who had spent the best part of his last ten years in prison. The man, who was charged with disobeying an order of banishment, was given the maximum summary sentence of 12 months' hard labour and 24 strokes of the birch.

The extradition of Wong Sai-cheung, charged with larceny of \$100 from his employers in Sydney, Australia, is to be effected to-morrow in accordance with his own decision to waive all formal proceedings. The fugitive was formally discharged from local jurisdiction by Mr. Lindsell at the Central Police Court this morning.

Joseph Gearon, fireman on board the s.s. President Grant, and Kenneth Stanton, electrician of the same vessel, appeared before Mr. Butters at the Kowloon Magistrate's Court this morning on a charge of having wantonly or negligently thrown lighted crackers to the danger of the public in Canton Road yesterday. Both defendants pleaded guilty and were fined \$10 each.

Ladies! The Chair (pounding): Ladies! Ladies! Mrs. X: I'd like to second the motion, only I want to say at the same time that I think that Nellie—Mrs. Q: Don't you think, Madam Chairman, that we've done enough for one morning? I'm afraid lunch will be utterly overdone if we keep on. I told them one o'clock in the kitchen.

STEPHEN LEACOCK on COMMITTEE MADNESS.

THERE is no doubt," says one of the recent Outlines of the Sidelines of History, "that the adoption of legislative procedure marked a great forward step in the progress of government. It lent to debate an order and precision before unknown; it clarified thought, and restrained the turbulence of argument by the dignity of formal address."

Quite so. But did it? Let us see how it has worked out in some of the Meetings.

(I)—The Man Who Started the Trouble: A.D. 1295.

Scene: Ye Chapel of St. Stephen's in Ye Borough of West Minister.

Ye Speaker: An it please ye, my good Knights and Burgesses, sith this is a regular or model Parliament it would seem good to me that we frame or—as who should say—draught a set of rules whereby our parlement or so to speak, our debate, shall be guided: Such as, first or primis, that none shall speak when I am talking; second, that when others speak all shall be in order and form, such that not twenty speak at once as hitherto, but only one, or so to speak, solus.

Fascinated with the idea, the houses of the King's parliament of Edward I got together and made a set of rules of which the awful consequences are still among us. As witness—

(II)—The Familiar Scene When the Ladies' Three-Weekly Discussion Club Undertakes Its Annual Discussion of the Club's Finances.

Mrs. A: I'd like to rise—

The Chairman-Woman: I don't believe you can.

Mrs. A: But I am—

The Chair: I mean, I don't think you're in order. There's an amendment to the previous motion still, I think, before us.

Mrs. B: If you mean my amendment, I had something that I want to add to it anyway, but I don't mind leaving it over if Jennie feels—

The Chair (pounding on the table with a mallet): You're out of order.

Mrs. B: I only want to say—

The Chair: You can't. There's a motion still before us and an amendment.

Mrs. C: But can't she withdraw her amendment? I'd like to move that Mrs. B—

Mrs. A: B. C. and half the alphabet: Order!

Mrs. D: I'm not—

The Alphabet: You are!

The Chair (pounding): Ladies! Ladies!

Mrs. X: I'd like to second the motion, only I want to say at the same time that I think that Nellie—

Mrs. Q: Don't you think, Madam Chairman, that we've done enough for one morning? I'm afraid lunch will be utterly overdone if we keep on. I told them one o'clock in the kitchen.

The Chair: Will you move a motion to adjourn?

Mrs. Q: Yes, if it is necessary.

All I mean is that lunch—

And so after a hard morning they at last got adjourned.

(III)—How the Committee of Professors Undertake to Bring in a Report to the Faculty.

The Chairman: Now, gentlemen, you have heard the remit, that this committee is to report on the question of the use of lead pencils in place of pen and ink.

Professor A: Mr. Chairman, I should like to submit a motion.

The Chair (looking in a book of rules and shaking his head): I don't think a motion would lie. It has nothing to lie on.

Professor B: I think, Mr. Chairman, that a motion that the remit be remitted would lie.

Professor C: I don't want to delay the work of the committee, but I cannot agree with Professor B. I do not think that any motion can lie at all until the chair sua sponte, or to put it more simply still, ab origine voluntario, submits the remit to the committee. Till that is done the remit itself is in vacuo.

(General murmurs of approval. Professor C has evidently scored a bullseye. And so by careful legislative procedure, crawling forward from cover to cover, they manage to get to Professor A's motion.)

The Chair: I think, then, Professor A, that we may now listen to you.

Professor A: What I wish to ask, Mr. Chairman, is the precise sense in which the committee is to understand the word "lead pencil."

In other words, I think we must formulate a definition of the word "lead."

The Chair: I think Professor A's remarks are entirely to the point—Ha! Ha! Gentlemen, you must pardon me, I hadn't intended any witticism—to the point, ha! ha!

All the Committee: Ha! Ha! To the point—ha! ha!

The Chairman (wiping his streaming eyes): Order, gentlemen, order. (And when the laughter has all died down) Will someone read what the encyclopaedia says about lead?

Professor C: Lead. A mineral carboniferous substance generally found in oleaginous rock. Lead was known to the ancients and was probably (but you can't bet on it) the plumbum of the Romans; whence the word plumb, meaning heavy or straight as in "plumb" line; the word must be distinguished from "plumb," meaning a fruit, Sanskrit, plupp, which originated in Corinth, and which was probably—

Professor X (aged 79, waking up): I think, Mr. Chairman, that our meeting has been sufficiently protracted, and as I think I heard the dormitory dinner bell—

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"Carry your cane, Mister?"

BUDGET DEBATE SPEECHES.

HOPES OF RETRENCHMENT.

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but no explanation is given as to why the Government expects this very considerable reduction.

In the absence of any explanatory note, we are similarly unable to tell why "Royalties on Wireless Telegraphy" shown on the same page, is expected to yield nothing in 1931.

These points, as well as innumerable others concerning the Estimates of Revenue, would doubtless have been made clear by short footnotes such as, until a few years ago, were inserted in the Estimates.

Afforestation Needs.

Turning now to the Estimates of Expenditure, we find on Page 20 that the money provided for Afforestation in the District Office, North, has been reduced from \$2,000 to \$500, and on Page 21 the sum provided for the same service in the District Office, South, has been entirely deleted.

Last year the Hon. Sir Henry Pollock, speaking on behalf of the unofficial members, suggested that the figures budgeted for afforestation work in 1930 might be doubled in future years. We recognise that in these times economy must be practised on every hand, but we hope that, as soon as funds permit, the figures standing in the current Estimates may be restored for our view.

The afforestation of the barren hills of the New Territories is a necessary work. Judicious planting would not only beautify the landscape but improve the quality of the soil, strengthen the ground against landslides, and make the Colony less dependent on outside sources for its fuel.

Refuse Tug.

A new launch for the Sanitary Department at a cost of \$62,000 is provided for on Page 25. We are glad to have the promise of the Hon. Colonial Secretary that if this expenditure is approved by this Council the Government will not authorise the outlay without further reference to the Council. Thus the unofficial members will have the opportunity of carefully considering whether the launch is absolutely necessary, and if so, whether the necessity is immediate.

On Page 74, under "Technical Institute," the item "Lecturing Staff" has been raised from \$13,000 to \$13,470. We should like an explanation of this substantial increase.

Furniture Votes.

On Page 77, item No. 7, "Maintenance and Supply of Furniture" under Public Works Department is increased by \$21,500 from \$16,500 to \$38,000, with the explanation in a footnote that part of the increase was previously included in Public Works Extraordinary.

We are not informed how much of the \$21,500 was so included, nor are we given any explanation regarding any part of this sum that may not have been so included. We are glad that the Government has made provision for the maintenance and supply of furniture under "Other Charges" of the Department instead of under the Head "Public Works Extraordinary," which should be reserved for public works of a non-recurrent nature.

Military Contribution.

Concerning Military Contributions, shown on Page 108, the Hon. Colonial Treasurer, in reply to a question put by the senior unofficial member in 1929, stated that the Colony had not so far paid military contribution on any profit due to exchange, as the question was still under discussion with the Secretary of State for the Colonies.

We should like to be informed what decision has been reached in this matter.

Waterworks.

Though the financing of the Shing Mun and Aberdeen Waterworks is by public loan and does not therefore strictly come within the Estimates, it is nevertheless a part of public expenditure, paid out of public money raised on loan, and we therefore consider this an appropriate occasion to speak on the subject.

We express the earnest hope that the Government will not allow the stringency of the economic situation to impede for one day the progress of these most urgent and important works. They are works which should take precedence of all others, and, in the words of Sir Cecil Clementi, should be pressed rapidly to a successful conclusion.

Administrative Expenses.

We have offered no comments on the present heavy expenses of the Colony's administration, because the Hon. Colonial Secretary has informed us that in its efforts at economy the Government had largely left question of personnel to the Retrenchment Commission. We sincerely hope that the labour of the Commission will be productive of satisfactory results.

Finally I wish, on behalf of the unofficial members, to pledge to

your Excellency our support of your policy of exercising as much thrift as is consistent with efficiency, and our co-operation in your difficult task of guiding the Colony through a period of depression which we hope will not be of long duration. Though we may be disquieted by the stormy weather, and even at time doubt the sturdiness of the ship, we have entire confidence in the skill of the man at the helm.

HON. MR. OWEN HUGHES.

Enormous Increases in Expenditure.

The Hon. Mr. J. Owen Hughes said:—Sir, The Hon. Senior Unofficial Member, in the address we have just listened to, has very ably reviewed the speech of the Hon. Colonial Secretary in introducing the Estimates for 1931, and has presented the joint views of the unofficial members to this Council, but, as he has already indicated, his colleagues will as customary make their own observations. As Senior of the European members present, it is my privilege now to make some further observations. I do not propose to address the Council at great length, as my colleagues will also desire to take part in the discussion.

I would like first of all to associate myself and my European colleagues in the reference made by the Hon. Senior Unofficial member to this, Your Excellency's first Budget, and further, if I may be permitted, to express our admiration of the manner in which you have dealt with the many important matters that have been brought before you since assuming the duties of your high office.

On the first occasion of your presiding over this Council just four months ago, my unofficial colleagues and I did our utmost to persuade the Government to cut its coat according to the cloth available, and pleaded for the appointment of a Committee to consider whether the Colony could afford the elaborate garment recommended by the Salaries Commission in view of the unprecedented fall in the value of the dollar. Our arguments and pleadings were of no avail against the Official majority vote, nor was the almost unanimous voice of public opinion behind us allowed to weigh in the balance, and we were overwhelmed.

Personal Emoluments.

The "Account" is now rendered, and a bill for no less than \$9,421, 405 for Personal Emoluments is presented for payment on account of 1930, whilst it is estimated that under this heading alone, no less than \$12,354,727 for 1931 has now to be budgeted for at the very uncertain Exchange figure of 1/4d.

It is a first duty of Government to balance its Budget for the coming year, and we are asked to-day to approve the method by which it is proposed to do so—a most difficult task, as all must admit.

No good purpose can be achieved by making more reference than is absolutely necessary to what has been done in the past in respect of salaries; but the result of the revision looms so large on every page of the Draft Estimates for 1931 that reference to them cannot well be avoided, nor to the astounding increase in charges occasioned by the unprecedented fall in exchange. The Hon. Colonial Secretary at the outset of his speech refers to the above two considerations as seriously influencing the Government in their consideration of the Budget.

Enormous Increases.

In percentage as compared with last year's heading, the figures disclose the following increases:

H.E. the Govt.	1929	1930	%
Chief Secretary	155,490	162,273	4.4
Chief Clerk	66,221	68,273	3.1
Chief Clerk (Acting)	334,113	352,938	5.6
Junior Clerk	196,050	202,155	3.1
Junior Clerk (Acting)	60,625	63,718	5.1
Junior Clerk (Acting)	19,629	20,420	4.0
Junior Clerk (Acting)	54,535	57,100	4.7
Junior Clerk (Acting)	75,604	78,500	3.8
Junior Clerk (Acting)	24,317	25,300	4.1
Junior Clerk (Acting)	12,340	12,750	3.3
Junior Clerk (Acting)	406,406	425,750	4.8
Junior Clerk (Acting)	149,991	155,250	3.5
Junior Clerk (Acting)	871,194	905,250	3.9
Junior Clerk (Acting)	1,064,374	1,095,250	2.9
Junior Clerk (Acting)	164,568	169,512	3.0
Junior Clerk (Acting)	71,012	73,519	3.5
Junior Clerk (Acting)	326,479	340,000	4.1
Junior Clerk (Acting)	173,354	178,500	2.9
Junior Clerk (Acting)	47,225	49,000	3.7
Junior Clerk (Acting)	60,332	62,500	3.6
Junior Clerk (Acting)	19,231	20,000	4.0
Junior Clerk (Acting)	36,754	38,000	3.4
Junior Clerk (Acting)	2,309	2,400	3.9
Junior Clerk (Acting)	2,100	2,200	4.8
Junior Clerk (Acting)	2,710,922	2,812,273	3.7
Junior Clerk (Acting)	713,359	735,250	3.1
Junior Clerk (Acting)	1,445,585	1,500,000	3.8
Junior Clerk (Acting)	95,274	98,500	3.4
Junior Clerk (Acting)	119,587	123,000	2.9
Junior Clerk (Acting)	1,730,708	1,780,000	2.8
Junior Clerk (Acting)	2,038,928	2,100,000	3.0
Junior Clerk (Acting)	1,436,100	1,480,000	3.1
Junior Clerk (Acting)	2,500,000	2,580,000	3.2
Junior Clerk (Acting)	947,547	985,000	4.0
Junior Clerk (Acting)	108,500	112,500	3.7
Junior Clerk (Acting)	1,400,950	1,450,000	3.5
Junior Clerk (Acting)	142,206	148,000	4.1
Junior Clerk (Acting)	1,228,000	1,280,000	4.2

From the above it is at once seen there are enormous increases in almost every department, and only by cutting down drastically the vote for Public Works Recurrent, and Public Works Extraordinary has it been possible to arrive at the balance forecasted, which means that much important and necessary work for the development of the Colony has to be left in abeyance, and as the Hon. Colonial Secretary states in his speech:—"Members will miss from the completed list one work or another which they would have liked included."

Unnecessary Warning.

Coming now to the third factor which influenced the Government in the framing of the Budget for 1931, namely, the establishment of the Retrenchment Commission. At the fateful meeting of the 19th June, Hon. Mr. Southern in moving the resolution that Council adopt the Salaries Commission Report, said (I quote from Hansard): "I am authorised to say that it has been decided to leave in abeyance the proposal to raise the Assessment Tax, though I must warn Hon. Members that it may still be necessary to impose some increase later on in order to balance the budget for 1931, unless the Retrenchment Commission, which my Hon. friend Mr. Owen Hughes is asking for, is able to effect such reform that further taxation can be avoided."

The warning given was quite unnecessary, for it was obvious to all that in accepting the Salaries Commission's recommendations an increase in Assessment Tax must be resorted to, and that quickly, and the taxpayer is now called upon (to start with) for the payment of an additional 4%, not to mention additional taxes on tobacco and stamps, and new taxes on petrol, amusements, etc. Extra taxation, being unavoidable, my colleagues and I are of the opinion, after careful consideration, that Government in its decision has chosen the lesser evil.

It is proposed to raise further revenue from light dues, buoys, etc., which is expected to bring in a return of approximately \$354,832.

These last items will be strenuously opposed by all the Shipping interests in the Colony, and my Hon. friend Mr. Mackie will doubtless express his own, as well as the Shipping Companies' views on this proposal.

Retrenchment Committee.

Your Excellency very readily acceded to the request for a Retrenchment Committee, and with great promptitude appointed a Commission with, I think, ample terms of reference. The personnel of the Commission has met with very general approval, and I would like here to congratulate your Excellency on the selection you have made.

But Mr. Southern on the 19th June was anticipating events, for no relief can be hoped as the result of the Commission's investigations and recommendations for several months to come. The Hon. Colonial Secretary informs us: "The special effort at Retrenchment of Personnel now required needs close and prolonged study, with a perspective not limited to the inside of Government offices; the Commission as constituted is particularly well qualified for this work, and can be depended upon to do it thoroughly."

This is all to the good, and I am glad to learn that meanwhile close touch is being maintained with the Retrenchment Commission.

Leaving then salaries settled (as unfortunately we cannot at present do otherwise), and leaving also the findings and recommendations of the Retrenchment Commission until their labours are completed, we have still the question of the uncertainty of exchange to consider, and what the effect will be if the figure of 1/4 dollar is not realised?

Exchange Factor.

During the last four months Exchange has but momentarily touched that rate, the average monthly rate has been—June, 1/3½; July, 1/3½; August, 1/3½; September, 1/3½; October, 1/3½.

This question, however, will be more fully dealt with presently by my friend the Hon. Mr. Paterson. I will now follow the example of the Hon. Senior Unofficial Member and draw attention to some of the items in the Estimates.

Included in "Other Charges" in most Departments is the item Conveyance and Motor Allowance, varying in amounts of \$130 under "Treasurer" to \$50,000 under the Public Works Department. I make the total to be over \$115,000. I have no doubt the Retrenchment Commission will have this in mind as one for investigation—the aggregate is a high one, and could in my opinion be considerably reduced.

Harbour office, Sub-head 2—Coal and oil fuel for launches \$274,130, an increase of \$64,000. A more precise explanation than merely "considered necessary" is I think desirable, as also under Sub-head 12—Repairs, Minor Improvements and Stores for Launches and Boats, an increase

Other Points.

May I commend to your Excellency and the Government's notice an article on the subject of education which appeared in the Daily Press of the 11th instant? I am at present not concerning myself with the relative claims of the institutions referred to in that article, or any other Grant-in-Aid or non-Government school, but it is very clear that unless the system of grants to these Schools (which are staffed by British Masters and Mistresses) is changed, some of them will soon have to close their doors.

Fire Brigade.—Whilst all reductions in expenditure are welcome, I trust the Chief Officer is quite satisfied there will be no loss of efficiency in consequence of the reduction in the number of drivers and firemen.

Prisons Department.—It is to be hoped that work on the new printing shop approved by the Finance Committee early this year is being proceeded with, and that the new linotype machine will soon be installed and in working order, as printing is considered as likely to be a revenue earning industry in Victoria Gaol.

SHIPPING TAXES.

Criticism as Wrong in Principle.

The Hon. Mr. C.G.S. Mackie said:—Sir—I wish to associate myself with the remarks made by my Hon. friends, the Senior Unofficial Member, Sir Shouson Chow and Mr. Owen Hughes, who have presented a very fair criticism of the Budget and the manner in which it is proposed to meet the heavy estimated expenditure. The levies to be imposed are in most cases reasonable, but the suggested taxes on shipping, in the form of increased light dues and hire of buoys are, I consider, wrong in principle. This form of taxation has been the subject of several debates in this Chamber in the past, and if one can judge from records of the meetings the official attitude has been that shipping should only be taxed for specific purposes from which a direct benefit is obtained. In the present instance this can scarcely be put forward as an argument in favour of the suggested levies.

Hongkong owes its very existence to shipping, and its prosperity has been largely built up from the benefits derived from the advantages obtaining to a free port. This great asset should be maintained as far as possible at all costs.

Quite apart from the objections to taxing shipping in order to augment local revenue, it must be admitted by all that this particular trade is passing through a very hard time and it is only by the most rigid economy that many companies are able to carry on.

If it can possibly be done I would like to see the proposed taxes withdrawn. Failing that, Sir, I hope some assurance can be given that they will be considered in the nature of a temporary levy only and will be removed when the finances of the Colony are on a healthier basis.

MR. PATERSON'S VIEWS.

Taxes Bad for Coastal Shipping.

The Hon. Mr. J. J. Paterson said:—My Hon. friend, Mr. Mackie, has dealt very fully with shipping, and I have really nothing to add to his speech except to say that I agree with it. Shipping, especially coast shipping, is going through a very serious time and a great deal of money has been lost lately—and we continue to lose money. I am very nervous of the future of shipping, and I therefore hope that if any reduction is possible it will be made. It could be said, of course, that the present taxation does not amount to a very great sum; that it is merely a straw; yet it was a straw that broke the camel's back.

CHINESE VIEWS.

Hon. Mr. Kotewall on Taxation.

The Hon. Mr. R. H. Kotewall said:—Sir, It is my privilege to present the views of the Chinese members of this Council on the Budget.

The most important problem which engages the attention of the Council at this moment is how to find money to meet the increased expenditure for the coming year. The Government has proposed the imposition of fresh taxation in certain forms, among which is an increase of four per cent. in the Assessed Taxes, which is estimated, will yield an additional \$1,415,000. This particular import has caused grave concern among the

Chinese who constitute about 95% of the tax-payers. Representations have been made to the Chinese General Chamber of Commerce and to us by public bodies as well as by individuals, urging us to request the Government not to increase this item of revenue.

On the 13th of this month, a very largely attended meeting of the General Committee of the Chinese General Chamber of Commerce was held, when the matter was discussed at great length, and the opinion was expressed that in view of the bad time, when cost of living is very high and the volume of trade abnormally low, any increase in the Rates would have an immediate reaction on the prosperity of the Colony. Means of raising revenue other than an increase in the Rates were suggested, such as the taxing of race sweepstakes, the taxing of luxuries including jewellery and other articles of personal adornment, the letting out of the ferry and bus services to public tender, the creation of a monopoly in pawnshops, the taxing of electricity and gas, and the increasing of the price of prepared opium sold by the Government.

Chamber's Suggestions.

A resolution embodying the first three suggestions was unanimously carried, as was a resolution expressing the opinion of the Chamber that the amount now payable for Military Contribution is excessive, and that representations should be made to the Secretary of State for the Colonies with a view to having the percentage reduced.

In addition to the suggestions put forward by the Chinese General Chamber of Commerce, another has been made directly to my Chinese colleagues and myself, namely, the imposition of a tax—estimated to yield \$400,000 annually—on meals taken in restaurants and eating houses; the tax would be levied on meals costing over 50 cents a head, so that the poor would not be affected. Such a tax already exists in Canton, and is said to yield a large revenue to the Government of Kwangtung.

The proposal to tax race sweepstakes has met with general approval, for it would entail no hardship on anybody, while it would yield a substantial revenue and would be easy to collect.

Tax on Luxuries.

It has been suggested that a tax on luxuries would also present no difficulty in collection, as the shops could include the tax in the bill of cost.

It is recognised that nothing can be done with the ferry and bus services until the existing concessions have expired.

We have been reminded that a monopoly in pawnshops existed about thirty years ago in Hongkong, and that such a monopoly still exists in the Straits Settlements, where the system has been working satisfactorily.

Very few are in favour of raising the price of prepared opium, for such a step would encourage smuggling.

Electricity and Gas.

The suggestion of levying a tax on electricity and gas has received much favour in that it is considered to be taxation that would be most evenly distributed and would cause the least inconvenience to all concerned. It is true that cheap electricity and gas are no less necessary than cheap rental, but effects so grievous as are expected to follow an increase in the Assessed Taxes would not follow a tax on electricity and gas, although in both cases cost of living would thereby be increased. Here it is a case of choosing the lesser of two evils.

We have been assured that the interests of the electric and gas companies would not suffer because of the tax, which it is suggested should be one cent per unit, at which rate the tax is expected to bring in half a million dollars at least.

These, then, are the views expressed by the advocates of the various alternative schemes. We have not had time to examine them with the care which the importance of the subject demands, but we commend them to the very careful consideration of the Government.

Higher Taxes Inopportune.

My Chinese colleagues and I agree that any increase in the Assessed Taxes is inopportune as, apart from the general stagnation in trade, land development, after years of depression, is only just showing signs of revival, and any adverse factors such as this proposal would do much to set it back again. To the property-owner, a 4% increase in the rates would mean a 4% decrease in his return, and the reaction would be general.

Already a case has come to my knowledge where the intending purchaser of a large property withdrew his offer to buy, immediately on hearing of the impending increase. It should not be supposed that the present

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Land Development.

We submit that the Government should do everything in its power to encourage land development, because more buildings will not only bring in more revenue, but relieve the congested parts of the Island.

However, my Chinese colleagues and I recognise that, since the general increase in salaries is an

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BUDGET DEBATE SPEECHES.

THE MILITARY CONTRIBUTION.

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accomplished fact, increased taxation is inevitable, as long as the rate of exchange remains at the present level; and that in the absence of alternative schemes of revenue, an increase in Assessed Taxes is unavoidable as a final measure to enable us to balance our accounts for the coming year.

The point is whether or not there are alternative schemes. Several have been put forward, and we hope that the Government will thoroughly explore their possibilities with a view to adopting some of them. If the proposed increase in the Assessed Taxes is passed by this Council to-day, we ask that in the event of other forms of taxation being devised, or of the rate of exchange rising, or again, of the financial position of the Colony improving generally, this 4% increase may be remitted or at least reduced proportionately.

The Military Contribution.

I would now proceed to examine Military Contribution, to which attention has been drawn by the Chinese General Chamber of Commerce. This item is increased from \$3,865,560 to \$4,784,290—a difference of \$918,730. It is an irony that while fresh taxation is about to be levied on the Colony is called upon to pay a further sum of nearly a million dollars, not because this sum is actually necessary to meet Military Services, but because we have to pay a prescribed percentage to the War Office, irrespective of the actual cost.

The community was greatly disappointed at the refusal of the Secretary of State to accede to Sir Cecil Clementi's request that Military Contribution on fresh taxes, levied to meet additional expenditure caused by the general revision of salaries, be waived as an act of grace. I can understand the reason which actuated the Secretary of State to make his decision: that reason appears to be that, so long as the existing arrangement in regard to Military Contribution exists, the 20% must be paid on any items of revenue, be they new or old, provided they are of a permanent nature; and the new taxation now proposed is in essence permanent, because it is levied to meet a permanent form of expenditure, namely, the increase of salaries.

The Best Way.

It seems to me that the best way to tackle the problem is by way of a reduction of the percentage. I believe that some years ago a committee was appointed to enquire into the incidence of Military Contribution, and I am sure that a similar committee would be useful for the purpose of going into the question not only of the percentage to be paid, but also of the items of revenue which should be excluded from calculation. A reference to Appendix III of the draft Estimates will show how the present contribution is calculated.

Last year the honourable senior official member enquired whether Military Contribution was paid on profits from the Colony's sales of investments, and the Hon. Colonial Treasurer in his reply said that contribution had hitherto been paid on profits which had accrued as the result of appreciation in the sterling price of investments. This is one item of receipts on which, in my opinion, contribution should not be paid, and there may be other items that come within the same category.

Vernacular Schools.

On Page 71 of the Estimates, under the head "Education Department," the vote "Subsidies to Elementary Vernacular Schools in Hongkong" is reduced from \$95,600 to \$89,000, a decrease of \$6,600. This vote has already dwindled, for it was reduced by \$5,000 last year, when the Chinese unofficial members drew attention to the reduction and expressed the hope that no further cut would be made in future Estimates. Necessary as economy is in these times, we consider that the limit has been reached in this direction, and that further reductions would prejudicially affect many elementary vernacular schools which afford education to thousands of children of the poorer classes.

Though the honourable senior official member has urged upon the Government the necessity of pressing on with all possible speed the waterworks under construction, I make no apologies for offering some observations on the subject, which affects the Chinese more than other members of the community. There is no need for me to recount here the great hardships which the poorer classes of the Chinese had to undergo during the water famine last year, but I should like to refer to a peculiar incident of about two months ago in connection with the water supply on the Island.

One morning the inhabitants of the Western section of the Island district suddenly found themselves deprived of the regular supply of water to their houses, and put on the street. The reason given by the Government being

that the storage of the Pokfulam Reservoir, which was the principal source of supply to that section, was getting dangerously low. The people affected could not understand how, when rain had apparently been plentiful, the reservoir could have behaved in that way.

Reservoir's Vagaries.

To our knowledge, the Pokfulam Reservoir has the vagary of rapidly emptying and filling itself in some mysterious way. As a matter of fact, the full supply was restored only a few days after the restriction had been put on, as a good downpour of rain had providentially come to the rescue of the people. We sincerely hope that every step will be taken by the Government to render the people who now receive their supply of water from this reservoir less dependent on it in future. The Aberdeen Reservoir will very appreciably help in this direction, and we trust that nothing will be allowed to delay its construction.

My Chinese colleagues and I respectfully associate ourselves with the honourable senior unofficial member in assuring Your Excellency of our whole-hearted support and co-operation in your arduous task of administration in these times of extraordinary difficulties. Your Excellency has the reputation of an administrator who, in addition to his native ability, is blessed with a Lucky Star. When Your Excellency was guiding the destinies of the people of the Federated Malay States, you brought to them unprecedented prosperity which, curiously, began to dwindle on your departure. The Chinese believe in such a mystical attribute—the good luck of a ruler; and in your case their belief has been markedly confirmed by the overflow of our reservoirs which, only a few months ago, were large muddy tanks. May you, Sir, give us other blessings including the blessing of being a lightly-taxed community.

HON. MR. BRAGA'S SPEECH.

Suggested Assistance to Local Industry.

The Hon. Mr. J. P. Braga said:—Your Excellency.—The comments I am about to address to the Council on the Budget and the Honourable the Colonial Secretary's speech thereon, represent partly the expression of my own views and partly those of residents whom I have consulted. They are men who take an intelligent interest in civic affairs and on whose opinions I attach much weight.

In all circles and among all sections of the community that part of the Colonial Secretary's speech that has aroused most discussion is the one relating to fresh taxation. It is because in one form or another all pockets—with notable exceptions—are going to be touched.

Regarding the proposed new taxation, it has been asserted on the part of the Government that it is desired to ensure that the incidence of the new taxes will be fairly borne by the Colony, and the Colonial Secretary trusted that the members of this Council would agree that the Government's proposals should be adjudged equitable. The Colonial Secretary's hope applies with special reference to the augmentation of the general assessment rate by four per cent. The Honourable Spokesman for the Government regards this as "the fairest in its incidence of all forms of direct taxation."

I trust I shall not be misinterpreted in my criticism of the assertion when I question the fairness of the incidence of this taxation. The question of its fairness is arguable. It is not difficult to establish that, in the circumstances obtaining in the Colony at present, this form of direct taxation does not operate fairly at all.

Civil Service Escapes.

I am not prompted by meanness or ungraciousness to a fairly large body of residents composing the administrative body of this Colony when I venture the statement that the conclusion is irresistible that the highest placed members of the Civil Service of Hongkong escape taxation entirely when it is a question of an additional assessment rate being levied. I fail to see how the fairness claim can be defended when a \$40 clerk has to pay his 4% on the rental of his poor flat and the humblest among the population, whose daily wage is reckoned in cents, has to contribute his quota of the same percentage on the value of the cubicle he occupies overnight. I am not attempting to dispute the wisdom or the expediency of comfortably housing the civil servants of the Colony. That policy is sound and commendable. No great effort, however, is required to demonstrate how those employees of Government who occupy their houses rent-free will go "scot-free" when additional revenue is proposed to be raised out of

in be shown that those members of the community,

who represent the city magnates of this Colony, and who occupy palatial residences free of rent, also escape the proposed form of contribution towards the Colony's increased expenditure when more revenue is sought out of the House Tax.

It is, therefore, seen that those best able to pay are just those who can look on complacently while their less favoured brethren have to contribute their quota for the larger administrative expenditure for which the Bill now before the Council confers legislative authority.

It should not be beyond the ingenuity of Government to ascertain the assessed value of the premises occupied by those enjoying the privilege of rent-free houses. If this privileged class could be made to contribute their share of the four per cent. additional rate, then, and only then, could the claim for equity for this form of taxation be substantiated.

Plea for Local Men.

We are well aware that a Retrenchment Commission is assiduously pursuing its investigations into the increasing cost of operating the Colony's administrative machinery. This fact does not preclude attention being drawn to the very high cost of transporting Government servants to and from the Colony. The fact is beyond dispute that this very subject has been exercising the Directorate of certain public companies in Hongkong with the object of instituting a drastic economy and so that what was once conceded as a privilege in the heyday of the Colony's prosperity may not be perpetuated into an extension of that privilege to the point of economic unsoundness.

The cost of transport of Government servants will increase from \$250,000 in 1930 to \$350,000 next year. This large increase calls for comment. I anticipate Government's reply that the greater the growth of the Colony, the larger must be the numerical strength of its personnel, hence the higher transportation cost. This being the case, Government should not be above accepting, *mutatis mutandis*, the hint contained in one of the recommendations of the recent Salaries Commission which reported upon the question of the salaries to the Shanghai Municipal Council's Staff, both foreign and Chinese. Regarding local applicants for Municipal Service the Commission recorded that—"In view of the high cost of obtaining and maintaining foreign employees in the Council's service, including passages, long leave and other benefits, the Commission is of the opinion that local residents, foreigners domiciled in China, and Chinese should be appointed wherever possible, provided that they possess the necessary qualifications and experience for the position to be occupied, thus reducing the heavy costs of appointments from abroad."

University a Source.

I deem it pardonable for giving prominence to this recommendation of the Shanghai Salaries Commission because there is so much excellent material obtainable in the Colony whose employment would mean a large saving in the cost of transport services alone. The Colony has founded and is maintaining a University of its own at some sacrifice. Why not find greater use for the products of our own seat of learning among the technical men whom the University is turning out in greater numbers each year? If the rumour is well founded that our graduates have to seek lucrative employment outside the Colony, then the truth of the saying is painfully forced upon one that "a prophet is not without honour save in his own country." There has been too great a tendency for the "sons of the soil" to be passed over in Hongkong. This tendency ought to be checked, and a new policy inaugurated whereby qualified local men be afforded facilities for advancement in the Colonial Service.

We have a shining and outstanding example from amongst the unofficials of this Council of the benefit and advantage accruing to the public service in its recruiting of local talent. I refrain from mentioning any name for fear lest I bring a blush on the cheeks of my honourable friend. In point of recognised ability, linguistic attainment and untiring energy there should have been no limit to his promotion; but the discouraging and discriminatory service regulations stood in the way. I may say that these regulations do not excite any great enthusiasm in local enlistment for Government service.

Strange Economy.

For a long period of years a position of trust and responsibility was held by another local officer who retired with a unique record of 55 years' service with the Government. His successor was another Hongkong man, who has honourably earned his retirement on pension after not many years short of 40 years in public employment. His place has been filled by a Cadet Officer drawing emoluments on a par with the computation of which affords evidence opposed to the clamour for retrenchment and still more economy.

I suppose there must be ready acceptance of the recommendation of the Board of Education "to raise slightly the fees for some of the higher classes in the public schools." While acquiescing in this recommendation, it may not be amiss to enquire if the Medical Officer for Schools is quite satisfied that the furniture in all that is required. For instance, enquiry may be instituted to ascertain whether the desks and benches are of the standard type and so designed as to be free from danger of injury to the health of the little children attending certain Government schools.

On certain items of special expenditure under the Canton-Kowloon Railway vote, comments have been brought to my notice as representing the considered opinions of a number of residents living out in the New Territories. As they form fair criticism, no apology is needed for submitting them for consideration. In the first place, the Railway Administration is congratulated on its foresight in the provision of \$1,840 for the approach road to Fanling Station. It is very desirable that this road be placed in proper order.

In the absence of any explanatory note, the item of \$8,250 for a new air compressor and motor is queried. It is held that if the apparatus is for paint spraying purposes the proposal should not be concurred in.

Criticism is rather more ungenerous when it comes to sub-head 41, "Sheung Shui Station. Extensions, \$43,100." I am not so great a user of the railway as to be in a position of being a fair critic; but if the presumption is true that the station is to be extended at a cost of \$43,100 for the benefit of a few golfers only, then the proposed expenditure requires more careful scrutiny.

Helping Local Industry.

Sub-head 45 is the re-appearance of \$40,000 for "new" bodywork for four coaches. There are technical men who advocate that, before incurring this expenditure, enquiries might be made of, and tenders invited from, firms in the Colony capable of building railway coaches of which there are several. In this connexion there are those who hold that the present third-class coaches are of an entirely unsuitable type for the traffic on this line.

The advantage of assisting local industries is obvious. While on this subject, I trust Your Excellency will kindly direct that the deliberations of the Empire Conference be closely watched in order that full benefit be taken of its recommendations, with special reference to Empire trade preference. Our local industries need all the assistance they can obtain for their maintenance and development. It has been regretfully observed that a few are struggling with intensive competition of heavily subsidised products.

It is an elementary obligation imposed upon the Colony to ensure that its industrial rivals enter this field upon a footing of equality and not upon terms so disadvantageous to local enterprises as to defeat all possibility of successful competition. The Colonial Secretary in his speech hinted that "the share market indicates that commercial undertakings are expected to prosper." It is sincerely to be hoped that there may be early fulfilment of this prophecy, to effect which Government can do its part by securing for our industrial undertakings a measure of freedom from unfair competition against which we have so strenuously to fight.

Colonial Development Fund.

In another direction also could Government assistance be most helpful. There is the Imperial Colonial Development Fund. Could not Hongkong petition for the allocation of its quota which might be utilised, among other purposes, towards promoting, fostering and developing private enterprises—reducing to the benefit of Hongkong?

The present appears to be the ideal moment for an appeal to be made to the Right Honourable the Secretary of State for the Colonies when a comparatively small round sum in sterling would represent a large amount when converted into Hongkong dollars.

While on the subject of industries, I would not like to miss this opportunity of offering congratulations to the Department of Government concerned on the businesslike expedition displayed in pushing ahead with contingent works in connexion with the large private reclamation of the Tsun Wan foreshore. From an industrial point of view, with the advent of electrical power, I envision the genesis of a flourishing and important township in the Tsun Wan district of the New Territories with the completion of this important reclamation. Like the Shan Tseng Bay district, Tsun Wan enjoys the unenviable reputation of being very malarious; the workmen employed there are subject to this form of ailment in a malignant form. I can appreciate how research work has first to be undertaken before remedial measures can be undertaken on a large scale.

However, in his counted desire to assist private enterprise, I trust the Honourable the Director of Medical and Sanitary Services will endeavour to take early and effective steps to rid Tsun Wan and Shan Tseng Bay of malaria, the extensive existence of which cannot but seriously retard the rapid development of districts that are so full of promise of becoming important industrial centres in the New Territories in the near future.

Kowloon Needs.

I have carefully searched the Draft Estimates for a sum of \$1,000 which has been promised for forestry work in certain areas in Kowloon, and principally for ornamental trees in the parks and open spaces of Kowloon Tong. To my regret, I cannot discover any such item of proposed expenditure. This small sum of money would be very well spent and help to improve that part of New Kowloon as the "Garden City" on the mainland.

It is a matter of common knowledge that the series of open-air regimental band concerts which has just concluded were a source of infinite enjoyment to some hundreds of Kowloon residents during the few hot summer evenings when they were provided with excellent and thoroughly enjoyable music supplied by the military bands on the grounds of the Kowloon Football Club. The Finance Committee of this Council voted a sum of \$1,200 for band concerts during 1930. It is not such a large sum that it might not appear as a recurring item each year under Miscellaneous Services. I hope my suggestion will receive Your Excellency's favourable consideration.

Circular Road Dropped?

My hope of an initial vote for the preliminary construction of the first section of the Circular Road in the New Territories as far as Ma-Yue-Tong has been doomed to disappointment. I looked in vain for the re-inclusion of the item that first appeared in the Estimates for the current year. I am conscious of the fact that the advisability of the construction of this road is debatable. Amongst the opponents of the project were ranged my unofficial colleagues of this Council. I draw attention to this subject not so much because I entertain any hope of success in these hard times, but that a scheme which, to my mind, will in the end prove remunerative will not be lost sight of entirely. I cannot appreciate the diffidence in embarking upon this project when it is known to the Government that there are a few prospective applicants for building sites as soon as a working plan of the new road should be available to them and likely residential plots shown on such plan.

Sir, leaving aside all contentious matter I turn to a suggestion which, if possessing no other merit, at any rate can claim that of originality. I hope I shall not be found guilty of temerity for bringing forward a proposal that involves some expenditure. The total outlay is not going to be very large, it will recoup itself in a few years and besides add to the amenities of Kowloon, which is fast growing into a large and beautiful city.

Aquarium Suggested.

It was just a month ago that the Biology Buildings attached to the University were publicly opened by Your Excellency. It is only in the fitness of things that the thought suggests itself that a public Marine Aquarium be established in the not distant future. I hope I may be justified in the submission that this is an opportune moment for bringing forward the suggestion. Apart from the economic and scientific aspects of such an institution, the popular interest which the project will arouse is certain to be great. A suitable site for the Aquarium should be in the area reserved for a Public Park recommended by the Playing Fields Committee near the Police Training School. There are public aquaria in Manila, Batavia, Japan, and Honolulu. Your Excellency is probably better acquainted than anyone of us with the Public Aquarium in Singapore. I am given to understand that there need be no doubt as to the ultimate financial success of a well-established aquarium, such as I have suggested in Kowloon. The Aquarium in Manila, though small, maintains most interesting exhibits. There were, in June of this year 891 exhibits, which attracted a great deal of attention. It cost \$26,000 to build and less than \$2,800 for its maintenance in 1929. There were 30,000 visitors last year, and a small entrance fee is charged, elementary pupils being admitted free. It should not be difficult to plan an Aquarium for Kowloon on the Manila or any other improved model. In this connexion a short extract from the general report of Mr. David G. Stead, Fisheries Enquiry Commissioner, upon the fisheries of British Malaya is well worth consideration.

"I would even go so far as to suggest," Mr. Stead wrote, "that in a country of such mixed nationalities, where human interests are so diverse, a large well-established public aquarium would be really of national benefit as well as of great assistance in municipal organisation and order." Mr. Stead moralises that "it has come to be recognised in most parts of the world, at the present time, that it is far more easy to control a people who are able to satisfy, by proper means, their natural desire for recreation and amusement."

Essential Institution.

He regards a public aquarium as "an essential institution" and argues that "even if it did not 'pay' from the strictly financial point of view it would still be a very 'cheap' means of granting to the public very valuable educational facilities." I share the view that there need be no fear that an aquarium at Kowloon will not pay, always provided that it is properly designed, constructed, and run.

Your Excellency, I apologise for the inordinate length of my speech. I justify it on the ground that this is the one occasion in the year when Unofficial Members of Your Excellency's Council have the opportunity of placing their views very fully before Your Excellency on matters concerning the administration, finance, and municipal needs of the Colony. Better far that criticisms be advanced openly in the honest conviction of their soundness than that there be tacit acquiescence in proposals with which one does not inwardly agree.

HON. MR. TSO'S SPEECH.

Necessity for Stabilising the Dollar.

The Hon. Mr. S. W. Tso said:—Sir,—I rise to express my general agreement with the speeches made by the Senior Unofficial Member, the Hon. Sir Shouson Chow and by my Chinese colleague, the Hon. Dr. Kotewall. The unprecedented fall in the exchange rate of the dollar and the general increase in salaries necessitate the increase of taxation in order to meet the commitments of the Government. While the whole community would loyally support the Government by paying these increases, yet there is a feeling of uneasiness in the mind of the people in that the extra burden which they are called upon to bear is not for any special work for the advancement of the Colony but merely to counterbalance the low value of the dollar and to pay increased emoluments.

Moreover, drastic cuts have to be made into the expenditure of essential works of the Colony. How long the present exchange value of the dollar will remain and how much lower it may still further drop no one can tell. To suffer the finance of the Colony to fluctuate with the caprice of exchange, I submit, is uneconomical. I urge, therefore, that the Government will leave no stone unturned to find out the possibility or feasibility of stabilising the currency of the Colony at an early date.

Taxes Hit the Poor.

It is unfortunate that the Assessment Tax has to be increased in order to raise revenue to meet the Colony's expenditure. It is unfortunate because this form of taxation falls heavily upon the shoulders of the poorer class of the Chinese. During the great war the assessment tax was increased by 7 per cent, but it was understood that the imposition was to be temporary; namely, during the period of the war. But Hongkong was less affected by the war and trade depression was not then so much felt in the Colony as it is to-day; due, no doubt, to the fall of the value of the dollar and the internecine strife in China.

I trust, therefore, that the Government will see its way of declaring that the imposition of this tax is but temporary and it will be removed when the value of the dollar goes up or when the financial position of the Colony is improved.

Vernacular Schools.

Under Head 28, Education Department, in the Budget, I find that the item under Capital Grant is reduced from that of last year by \$2,430 and as pointed out by the Hon. Dr. Kotewall, the item "Subsidies to Elementary Vernacular Schools in Hongkong" by \$15,000. These grants, and subsidies are a means of helping the carrying on of schools under private enterprise.

The more of these schools are established in the Colony the lighter will be the responsibility of the Government for providing Government schools for the education of the people. From an economic point of view the cutting down of these grants and subsidies, I submit, is not a good policy; particularly as the Government is paying, I understand, about 75 per cent. of the costs of maintaining its schools, besides the heavy cost of erecting school buildings.

"I would even go so far as to suggest," Mr. Stead wrote, "that in a country of such mixed na-

Trade Schools.

In view of the rapid development in the Kowloon City area the need of an Anglo-Chinese School there is very real. Although there is one in existence by private enterprise, it may have to close its doors soon for want of Government support. I would therefore urge that the Government will take the matter up seriously either to give support to this existing school or to provide a Government school for the inhabitants of Kowloon City.

I do not intend to criticise here the educational system of the Colony, but I do wish to express the gratitude of the poor to the Government for taking an interest in the establishment of trade schools by appointing a Committee to enquire into the desirability or possibility of establishing such schools where the poor can learn a trade to enable them to make a living.

With these few remarks I wish to join with my Honourable Unofficial colleagues in pledging to Your Excellency my loyal support and co-operation.

HON. MR. LAUDER'S SPEECH.

Suggested Exchange Scheme for Civil Servants.

The Hon. Mr. Paul Lauder said:—Sir,—I have studied the Budget for the year 1931 also the speech by the Honourable the Colonial Secretary on this subject with much interest.

The first thought which will occur to anyone in studying the Estimates is the heavily increased cost of administering the Government. A considerable increase, however, under present conditions is inevitable in that the Colony has important gold commitments which have to be paid for in silver. The price of silver having fallen to an unprecedented low figure with the consequent decline in the sterling value of the dollar the cost of these gold commitments turned into dollars must of necessity show a considerable increase.

Under all these circumstances, it becomes necessary for the Government to raise additional revenue and I have no criticism to offer of the suggested increased taxation which it is proposed to introduce except that I would mention that it seems to me the increase in the General Assessment Rate of 4% is a fair and reasonable method to adopt and as the honourable the Colonial Secretary has said this tax is an economical one to collect.

I am pleased that the Government have taken serious notice of the increased cost of administration and that they have in consequence brought into being a Retrenchment Committee which is at present carrying on its most difficult task. It is to be hoped they will be able to show some means whereby the heavy burden of expenditure can be lightened as there is no doubt there is great and pressing need for economy.

The fall in the price of silver and the consequent decline in the sterling value of the dollar to its present low level was quite unexpected, and in this connexion I would say that there must inevitably be certain conditions in such matters which it is not possible to foresee or allow for. It occurs to me that the increased number of dollars at present received by the sterling paid officers of the Government may more than compensate them for the increased cost of living due to the decline in exchange. If the Government are also of this opinion and in view of present conditions, I suggest that they might consider fixing some minimum rate of exchange for the payment of their sterling paid officers' salaries. If half these salaries were paid at a fixed rate of 1s. 6d. when exchange falls below this figure and half at the current rate, this might constitute a fair basis of payment and if exchange remains at its present level it would bring considerable relief in the matter of expenditure. I commend this suggestion to the Government for its consideration.

OFFICIAL REPLY.

Colonial Secretary Answers Points Raised.

The Colonial Secretary (Hon. Mr. E. R. Hallifax) replying to a number of criticisms in detail, regretted the absence of explanatory notes in the estimates, but pointed out that the Treasury Memorandum was something of a new departure and considered to be more helpful.

Explaining the sum of \$17,500 for use of motor vans which appeared in the estimates of revenue, he said that special Sanitary Department vans were now conveying pork carcasses from slaughter houses to stalls, a charge of six cents a carcass to be made to cover running costs. The increase in Other Charges Harbour Office was mainly accounted for by the difference in exchange.

Regarding the Kowloon-Canton Railway, he detailed how operating expenses were now considerably greater than formerly and pointed out that when the three new express engines were brought into

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BUDGET DEBATE.

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service, a sum of \$18,000 would have to be provided for depreciation.

Higher Railway Fares.

It was under consideration to raise Local and Joint Sectional fares as from January 1 next to a rate which would bring them more into line with those charged on the Chinese section.

Explaining the furniture vote of \$48,000, he pointed out that this was a total sum whereas the totals from different headings in last year's estimates amounted to \$55,190. Thus, a decrease had been effected.

Answering Mr. Braga on the point of the incidence of assessment, he said that there was no intention of letting off the Government servant too lightly, for he could be made to bear his proportion of the burden in other ways. The higher cost of transport was mainly on account of the exchange rate but the Government hoped to secure certain economies.

Other Points.

The re-building of the Sheung Shui railway station was a choice between abandoning or re-building. The station was an important one on the system, there had been an average of 6,000 passengers per month (excluding golfers) and much revenue had been obtained by the greater use of the station owing to the bus services between Un Loong and Shau Tau Kok.

Regarding the Colonial Development Fund the Government had not lost sight of the opportunities that might be offered by it but assistance was not to be had for the mere asking. They were carefully exploring the possibility of getting assistance for such works as the Government Civil Hospital and a new Gaol.

GOVERNOR'S SPEECH.

Effect of Luxurious Style of Living.

His Excellency the Governor, in a lengthy reply, expressed gratification that there had been so little criticism of what was admittedly a very difficult Budget. Like Malaya, Hongkong possessed considerable amenities and he could not believe that the Colony would choose to allow deterioration now that it had happened on lean years. Increased taxation was unpleasant, but if high standards were to be maintained it was unavoidable.

He believed that the high cost of living was largely due to people having adopted a more luxurious style of living, and after 32 years in Malaya he was convinced that the cost of living there was higher than in Hongkong. He had at one time made up his mind not to increase the Assessment Tax by more than three per cent., but he had reluctantly been convinced that a four per cent. rise was necessary. He was of opinion that the assessment was the most equitable form.

Regarding the Military Contribution he did not think they had the slightest chance of inducing the stoney-hearted Home Treasury to agree to any material reduction, for the sterling value of Hongkong's contribution was adversely affected by the low dollar. He appreciated the argument against increasing the shipping charges, but thought the industry's back was strong enough to bear the extra straw. He could not fetter his successors by undertaking to reduce fees at some future date, but it was always open for reconsideration.

As to increased cost of sterling salaries, they were awaiting the recommendations of the Retrenchment Commission and he was giving careful consideration as to how far it was possible to adopt the suggestion of local recruiting.

Educational Reform.

Referring to education, it seemed to him that many pupils stayed at school for three to four years longer than was justified, so that greater expenditure was thereby incurred by Government. Further assistance to vernacular and grant-in-aid schools would be considered if economies could be effected in other directions. He thought that the whole of the Colony's educational policy must be over-hauled and he proposed to seek the advice of the Education Board on that matter.

Referring to the appointment of a general diseases specialist, which he trusted would be made in the near future, he thought there was no doubt that in the matter of social hygiene Hongkong was distinctly backward.

He was satisfied that the reduced votes for the Public Works Department were sufficient to maintain efficiency. Very little new work was contemplated, but they hoped to spend the whole of the two and a half millions provided. He was very anxious to see the new ward built at the Kowloon Hospital but had been forced to

REVENUE MEN WIN.

P.W.D. BEATEN IN BOWLS FINAL.

The Police Recreation Club bowling green was the scene of a splendidly contested match yesterday, when the Revenue Department and the P.W.D. met in the final of the inter-departmental bowls competition.

Despite a fine recovery, the P.W.D., led by Holland, had to admit defeat. A. Grimmer and his benchmen capturing the trophy by 19 shots to 17.

At one time the Revenue Officers held such a commanding lead as to suggest that they would enjoy almost a walk-over, but so well did their opponents fight back, that at the 20th end they were only three behind, and actually captured points on the last five ends.

Subsequent to the match, which was watched with keen interest by a fairly large number of spectators, Mr. R. E. Creasy, (Director of Public Works), and called upon him to present the cup and miniature to the winning team. In doing so, he also expressed their thanks to Mr. Creasy for his kindness in being present and to the Hongkong Police Recreation Club for the use of their green, which they all appreciated in excellent condition.

Mr. A. Grimmer, skipper of the winning team, received the cup from Mr. Creasy, and thanked him for carrying out that little function and the P.W.D. team for giving them such a fine game. Later the health of the teams was drunk.

Scores:
P.W.D. Revenue Officers.
Burford E. Tuck
Hoy V. Ponce
Hollands W. Ward
Holland A. Grimmer
(skip) 17 (skip) 19

COMMITTEE MADNESS.

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The Chair: Shall we then defer progress and adjourn till this day six months—

All: Carried!
(IV)—The Crude Proceedings of Those Who Never Heard of the Model Parliament of Edward I. The scene is laid in any board-room where the directors of any great industrial company are making a simple little arrangement not involving more than fifty million pounds.

The Chairman: Well, then, what we want to do is to split the shares two for one. That's it, isn't it? Murmurs of "Agreed."

The Chairman: To make 100 millions of the new stock, the holders to take up at par—

Murmurs of "Agreed."

The Chairman (to someone): Will you get that drafted and will you see about the legislative authorisation (they know all about it)—and that was the only thing this morning wasn't it? All right, then we'll adjourn till next time, eh?

defer his hopes for another year. Meanwhile the Maternity Hospital would be proceeded with.

Road Policy.

Regarding roads, he could not help feeling that some had proved more additional amenities rather than development, and the Colony had greater need for a new Government Civil Hospital, a Gaol, Female Prison and Mental Hospital.

He trusted that applications for assistance from the Colonial Development Fund would be successful. The suggestion for an aquarium would have to be relegated to more prosperous times. There was no intention of slowing down work on approved schemes to increase the water supply and a special expert was expected to arrive early in the new year to advise on further extensions.

New Salaries Scheme.

He was satisfied that, basically, the proposals of the Salaries Commission were equitable but felt that the abnormal rate of exchange was, perhaps, unduly favourable. He was prepared, subject to the Secretary of State's approval, to agree to the suggestion regarding the basis of conversion of sterling salaries into dollars. Half would be converted at the current rate and the other half at 1/6d. to the dollar and it was estimated that the adoption of that proposal would effect a reduction of \$388,888 in the expenditure. It was too late to make the necessary alterations in the Estimates, but he gave an assurance that that basis would be adopted subject to the Secretary of State's approval and trusted that that step would go some way to meeting criticisms regarding increase in personal emoluments.

He was sorry that his first Budget in the Colony had not been a more pleasant one, but he looked forward with confidence to improved conditions and was convinced that they had no need to fear regarding the future prosperity of the Colony.

The Supply Bill was read a second and third time, and passed. The meeting lasted two hours.



ARGYLLS DEFEAT SOMERSETS.

ONE GOAL DECIDES A THRILLING GAME.

POLICE PROVIDE SHOCK FOR KOWLOON.

RECREIO'S OPENING.

[By "Wanderer."]

The Argylls obtained their third consecutive win on Saturday and as the defence has not yet been penetrated they occupy the leadership of the Senior Division, South China being on their heels with equal points and a bigger tally in the goals for column. The Argylls obtained a narrow win over the Somersets in a splendid game.

The Recreio were well off the mark, but Kowloon failed against the Police and St. Joseph's went down to the Athletic.

The full results follow:

Senior Division.			
S. China	2	H.K.F.C.	0
Recreio	5	R.A.	1
Kowloon	3	Police	3
Argylls	1	Somersets	0
St. Joseph's	2	Athletic	4
Second Division.			
Navy	4	S. China	0
Somersets	1	Athletic	0
Eastern	2	H.K.F.C.	0
Kowloon	0	St. Joseph's	5
Recreio	1	Argylls	3
University	4	R.A.	1
Third Division.			
Fukien	4	Athletic	2
R.A.F.	1	Somersets	2
R.E.	0	S. China	0
R.A.O.C.	5	Ewo	1

ARGYLLS SCRAPE HOME.

Somersets Make Unfortunate Shuffle.

The Argylls have not yet scored prior to the interval of a league match in Hongkong and are rapidly acquiring the reputation of being a second half team. That there may be more in it than the purely relative question of goal-scoring was illustrated on Saturday when they were undeniably the better side after the interval, having passed through a gruelling test in the first half.

They just about deserved to win this exciting game with the Somersets, though the West Country team did not enjoy the best of luck. Upon occasions the Somersets' attack was clever, fierce and persistent, and some of those glorious drives by Baker which featured a period of the game deserved a better fate.

On the whole, however, the inconsistency of their forwards in the vital matter of shooting must be adjudged the decisive factor in the result. The experience of the two goalkeepers tells the whole story in a nutshell. The Somersets did quite as much attacking as their rivals, but it was Verrier, their goalkeeper, who distinguished himself. Gardiner, in the Argylls goal, fumbled the ball more than once; if Verrier had made the slightest misjudgment, whether kicking out under pressure or punching clear at a critical moment, it would probably have resulted in a goal.

To sum up, the Argylls' attack played well enough in midfield and in the goal area to have scored more than the solitary goal which won the game. The inside men were better than the wingers, Wylie being the best forward on the field. It was Wylie who netted the goal, after Hayward had misjudged a centre by Hughes and Campbell had threatened to lose the opportunity by fumbling. But Wylie was nearby and he dashed in to score with a rasping shot.

I think the Somersets made a fatal mistake when they reshuffled the forwards after the interval. Butcher apparently thought he had been brought inside solely to score goals, and he always hung on to the ball until one of the Argylls' very keen tacklers inevitably dispossessed him. And Bowley-Bull, who went centre-forward, made so much a roving commission of it that he was never in the right place. The Somersets forwards in the second half were a ragged line of individuals. Before half-time they had revealed excellent combination, even if Deniaud had not come up to scratch as a leader.

It will require good combination to upset the Argyll defence. McGlashan and Yeoman are as good halves as one could wish to see and Gordon is little behind

them in tackling, only lacking the same accuracy in constructive work. Behind them, Blackburn and Henderson, kicked well and tackled with soundness and discretion. Henderson rather overdid his dribbling, though he has the answer that he usually did what he set out to do.

West and Harris stood out in the Somersets' defence. Huish was the better of the backs and Verrier gave a brilliant exhibition.

It was the most thrilling game of the season beyond a doubt. A goal seemed imminent at one end or the other almost every minute so quick were the changes. When the Argylls scored, it was the result of swift retaliation to an effort by the Somersets which gave Gardiner a great deal to worry about. The players were all keyed up for the contest, this doubtless accounting for the bouts of wild kicking and the frequent corners.

SOUTH CHINA WIN AGAIN.

Club Do Well to Hold Them to Two Goals.

Defence was the best part of both teams at Caroline Hill, where the Club gave an excellent showing, though when all is said South China deserved the two goals which Chu Kwok-luen obtained in the first half following some nice forward combination.

The Club provided much better football as the game progressed, or South China fell away, it is difficult sometimes to tell which— and infused a vigour into their play which created a favourable impression. It might have done more had Bishop converted a penalty awarded when Bell was tripped, but his shot struck the cross-bar, and the ball was quickly pointed out of the danger zone.

The South China forwards were lacking some of the keenness in attack that has distinguished their earlier league games this season. They started in with a will and seemed likely to overwhelm the Club defence, well as it played, but their movements became less crisp, their passing less accurate, and the task of Segalen, Stewart and McBride—who were well supported by Strange and Bishop, the former showing much improvement—was much simplified by comparison.

Sturdy defence was provided by Li Tin-sang and Tam Kong-pak when it was most needed. They are developing an excellent understanding. In front of them, Leung Wing-chiu was outstanding in a good line of half-backs. Fung King-cheong was a shade off colour and both Chen Chui-hong and Ip Pak-wa have played better games. The left-winger was prominent in bursts, and he was always a danger when he cut in towards goal, but his centres were rather less accurate than usual.

RECREIO GO NAP.

Remarkable Result to A Close Game.

A five to one victory is a remarkable tribute to the Club de Recreio forwards for the Royal Artillery had a full share of the game, and an equal number of opportunities. But the R.A. were without Gill, their best marksman, and the Recreio forwards were in an irresistible mood once they obtained possession, moving swiftly and shooting hard at every opportunity. It could hardly be claimed that the Recreio were four goals the better team, but they had men who could press home attacks.

This was particularly evident in the second half when the R.A. dominated the game for spells and yet suffered the loss of two further goals, scoring only after the Recreio had completed their tally.

Even when Roza Pereira netted after three minutes it was some time before any estimate could be formed of the way the game would turn, but after Allan, Moore and Watson had all muddled good chances, Rocha got a second goal, 25 minutes having elapsed, and the Recreio never looked back. Silva got a third goal before the interval, and Rocha twice scored in dashing raids in the second half. Allan scored for the R.A. near the end.

Rocha on the day was the most dangerous forward. Every shot of his caused Fletcher anxiety, every time he obtained the ball within 25 yards' range a goal seemed probable. He also made an effective unit in a virile line, in which B. Gosano and Silva also distinguished themselves. A. V. Gosano was naturally a big success at centre-half; there are few positions he could not fill with credit. His colleagues were hard workers, and the backs conceded very little.

The R.A. were handsomely beaten—by the failure of their

defence to cope with speed in attack. Neither the half-backs nor the backs knew how to counteract the Recreio's dangerous raids because they were so often shown a clean pair of heels. Misunderstandings added to their vulnerability.

In the circumstances, the forwards could not expect and did not get much real assistance from the half-backs, the forward movements being usually initiated by long kicks up the field with the forwards in pursuit. When they did get the ball their approach work had its merits, but there was a decided weakness in the goal area.

POLICE RALLY.

Force a Draw in Closing Stages of Match.

Kowloon had seventy per cent. of the game, established a lead of three goals to one, and had to be content with a share of the points in their match with the Police. It might even have been that the splendid Police rally which brought this about, had produced a victory, but for a mistake by McCreavy two minutes from the end. He had the ball at his toes with only the goalkeeper to beat and shot over the bar.

The Police thoroughly deserved their draw, though Kowloon may feel they were unlucky not to win. They held their lead of 3-1 until fifteen minutes from the end, and seemed likely to improve upon this position. Then the Police did a little re-shuffling which changed the whole position. Kowloon's defenders had the harassed feeling, and with C. Pile and Gillott losing their understanding, McCreavy and Fraser defeated Gurevitch with quite good efforts. McCreavy headed through when T. Pile's shot rebounded from the cross-bar, and Fraser made no mistake when given a clear path by a nice pass.

Kowloon had things all their own way in the first half. The Police scored first when C. Pile was adjudged to have handled the ball in the penalty area, McCreavy converting. Few opportunities came their way afterwards. Bliss, Downman and Patterson smothered the attack, and kept their own forwards constantly on the move.

Janson scored the equaliser with a brilliant effort, eluding Perkins and driving low into the net well out of Clark's reach. Soon afterwards, Hedley secured near goal and put in a shot from 25 yards which was of the type one would go a long way to see, and of which Clark only caught a glimpse.

Janson scored the third with a glorious shot, repeating almost every move of his first goal. There is no doubt that Kowloon should have won this game. Opportunities there were a-plenty, but McKelvie did not assist the balance of the forward line by hanging too far back and Gilchrist does not impress in the middle. Hedley played a sterling game. Everything seemed to come absurdly easy to the defence in the first half, but the collapse at the end revealed a decided weakness somewhere.

The Police are to be commended for their fine rally, in which Oram, T. Pile and McCreavy played the leading part. McCreavy came out of the defence after a gruelling time, and proved that there was something in the forwards after all, while Oram picked out unmarked men for his passes with unerring accuracy.

ATHLETIC PULL THROUGH.

St. Joseph's Fight Hard to the Finish.

More team changes did not make the Athletic more impressive, though they just about defied. Stolid defence by St. Joseph's promised to make it a very close thing, but after a penalty had been given against Hyder and converted, there was a relapse of confidence temporarily and in this period the Athletic established a winning lead. Apart from this period there was very little between the sides; the Athletic were more methodical, St. Joseph's contributed a dash which with a little luck might have been more productive.

Lam Yuk-ying netted from the penalty, Leonard equalised with a nice effort, and then while the defence was wavering, Lee Yee-sun, who filled the centre-forward position, scored twice.

After the interval, Lim, having a run through on his own account, obtained a clever goal to reduce the deficit, but the Athletic came back near the close with a bout of passing which resulted in a great scoring shot from Lee Yee-sun.

There was one marked distinction between the sides. The Athletic gave their forwards every assistance, while the St. Joseph's front line had to do a great deal of foraging. Only one department came out with highest credit, the full-backs, Hyder and Gomes. They were sound in every way and could not be blamed for the defeat. Rocha behind them was brilliant with some of his saves, and at other times did not inspire confidence.

The Athletic defence was in fine fettle, Lam Yuk-ying distinguishing himself, though I prefer

STEEPLECHASING AT KWANTI.

GOOD SPORT SEEN ON SUNDAY.

There was some excellent sport at the Fanning Hunt and Race Club's meeting at Kwanti yesterday. The large attendance included H. E. the Governor, Lady Peel and party, and at the close, Lady Peel presented the prizes. Mr. Stanton was the most successful jockey, winning three out of five events. Results:

Race 1.—3 p.m. Autumn Services Cup. A St. Chase of 2 Miles. Mr. Bramwell's As You Like It (168) (Mr. Charles) 1
Dr. Macgown's Carbine (163)
Mr. Artik's Country Club (168)

Won by two lengths; many lengths. Pari-mutuel: Win \$4.10. Places 1st \$2.30; 2nd \$2.40.

Race 2.—Castle Peak Handicap Steeplechase. 1½ Miles. Mr. Stanton's Target (163)

Mr. John's San Francisco (168) (Mr. Stanton) 1
Mr. Cave's Movanager (149) (Mr. Frost) 2

Won by two lengths; two lengths. Pari-mutuel: Win \$2.70. Places 1st \$2.50; 2nd \$2.50.

Race 3.—The Inaugural Flat Race Stakes.—1¼ Miles. Mr. Reinshagen's Fanning Stag (158) (Mr. Charles) 1

Mr. Bramwell's Kiri-billi (161) (Mr. Bramwell) 2
Mr. M. W. Tang's Discard (156) (Mr. Y. T. Fung) 3

Won by many lengths; many lengths. Time: 2:52 secs. Pari-mutuel: Win \$6.60. Places 1st \$2.50; 2nd \$3.00; 3rd \$3.80.

Race 4.—The November Cup. A St. Chase of 1½ Miles. Mr. Stanton's Christmas Frolic (153) (Mr. Stanton) 1

Mr. Keith-Murray's Penhale (160) (Mr. Keith-Murray) 2
Mr. Heard's The Goods (161) (Mr. Frost) 3

Won by many lengths; three lengths. Pari-mutuel: Win \$2.50. Places 1st \$2.50.

Race 5.—The Autumn Maidens Steeplechase. 1 Mile. Mr. Stanton's The Partridge (165) (Mr. Stanton) 1

Mr. Worrall's Grey Eyes (155) (Mr. Worrall) 2
Mr. Artik's Heretofore (165) (Mr. Frost) 3

Won by many lengths; many lengths. Pari-mutuel: Win \$2.70. Places 1st \$2.30; 2nd \$3.30; 3rd \$5.50.

The Case Sweeps.

Race 1.
No. 399 \$504.00
" 217 144.00
" 115 72.00
Unplaced runner (\$20) No. 166.

Race 2.
No. 441 \$596.40
" 167 170.40
" 297 85.20
Unplaced runners (\$20 each) Nos. 156, 420.

Race 3.
No. 295 \$662.20
" 542 189.20
" 144 94.60
Unplaced runners (\$20 each) Nos. 22, 353, 32, 344, 577, 183.

Race 4.
No. 3020 \$6,118.70
" 3073 1,748.20
" 2076 874.10
Non-starters (\$138.70 each) Nos. 5223, 7257, 3091, 2405, 6547, 6510, 6772.

Race 5.
No. 169 \$700.20
" 292 217.20
" 79 108.60
Unplaced runners (\$50 each) Nos. 588, 129, 520, 333.

INDIAN'S SWIMMING MARATHON.

SETS ENDURANCE RECORD IN ENGLAND.

London, Oct. 19.
An Indian swimmer named Shad swam continuously for 69 hours in the Worthing baths.

This is a new world's swimming endurance record.—Reuter.

It is with regret that we have to record the death of Mr. Ng Wan-to, a vernacular master of the Yaumati English School, who has been with the education department for the past ten years. The late Mr. Ng was 42 years of age and was first appointed to the post of vernacular master in April 1920.

him at centre-half. The forwards were not a bad line, the right wing being considerably better than the left, while Lee soon settled down in the centre.

Radio Footballers.

A football match was played at Stonecutters ground on Sunday between the Radio Sport Club and Stonecutters units, resulting in a draw of two goals all. The following players represented the R.S.C.:—Ritchell; Winch, Sheriff; Au Kam-moon, Kalwant Singh, Pearson; Bowen, Karnail Singh, Hanib, Chan Chung-tung and Mr. E. A. Guest acted as referee.

The writer recently had the pleasure of meeting Lee Wai-long, that star who has probably done more to popularise football amongst the Chinese in Northern and Southern China than all the officials in any football association put together. Questioned on the matter of failure of the tour, this thoroughbred sportsman reluctantly spoke of the difficulties encountered owing to lack of co-operation on the part of governing bodies.

The contemplated tour of U.K. and Continent, and return via America, it must be admitted, was a most ambitious one, and the failure of this praiseworthy attempt must have been felt just as keenly by Chinese followers of the game as by the constituents of the team themselves. There is no question whatsoever that if the trip had been successfully undertaken the game would have received a tremendous fillip in China. Day by day in every way the Chinese are gradually coming into their own in practically every sphere of activity, and keeping to the original subject of football, it is difficult to envisage the success of, say, a charity match where the Chinese took no part. If they are as they learn, then let the punishment be gradual. To sit on a high horse and inflict maximum penalties that crush completely, for a first offence, may result in more than the desired deterrent effect being accomplished, and it is sincerely to be hoped that the Appeals Board, consisting of the President and two Vice-Presidents of the Association, would review the case from a broader standpoint than the Emergency and General Committees have done.—Yours,

SPECTATOR.

CORRESPONDENCE.

Soccer Suspensions.

[To The Editor of Hongkong Telegraph.]

Sir,—The suspension of the two Chinese Athletic footballers who recently toured the South has given rise to a tremendous amount of talk on the wisdom or otherwise of the officials of the Hongkong Football Association responsible for the action.

Having in mind the fact that the money received by these players was a mere trifle when compared with the amounts received by amateurs in other branches of sport, that the Association issued no warning to the local players though possessed of information as to the proposed trip to Europe, that it was admitted the defendants erred in entire ignorance, and that it was their first offence, it is pertinent to ask whether the necessity existed for such drastic punishment being meted out.

Is it not a fact that up to now members of the Loh Wai club, which constituted the main body of the touring team, have not been barred by the Shanghai Football Association, but are being allowed to take part in matches at the Northern Port? Admitting that Shanghai has no jurisdiction over Hongkong, and Hongkong none over Shanghai, did it not occur to the local association that it would have been well to enter into correspondence with the Northern Association and act in unison, inasmuch as the offence concerned players in both ports?

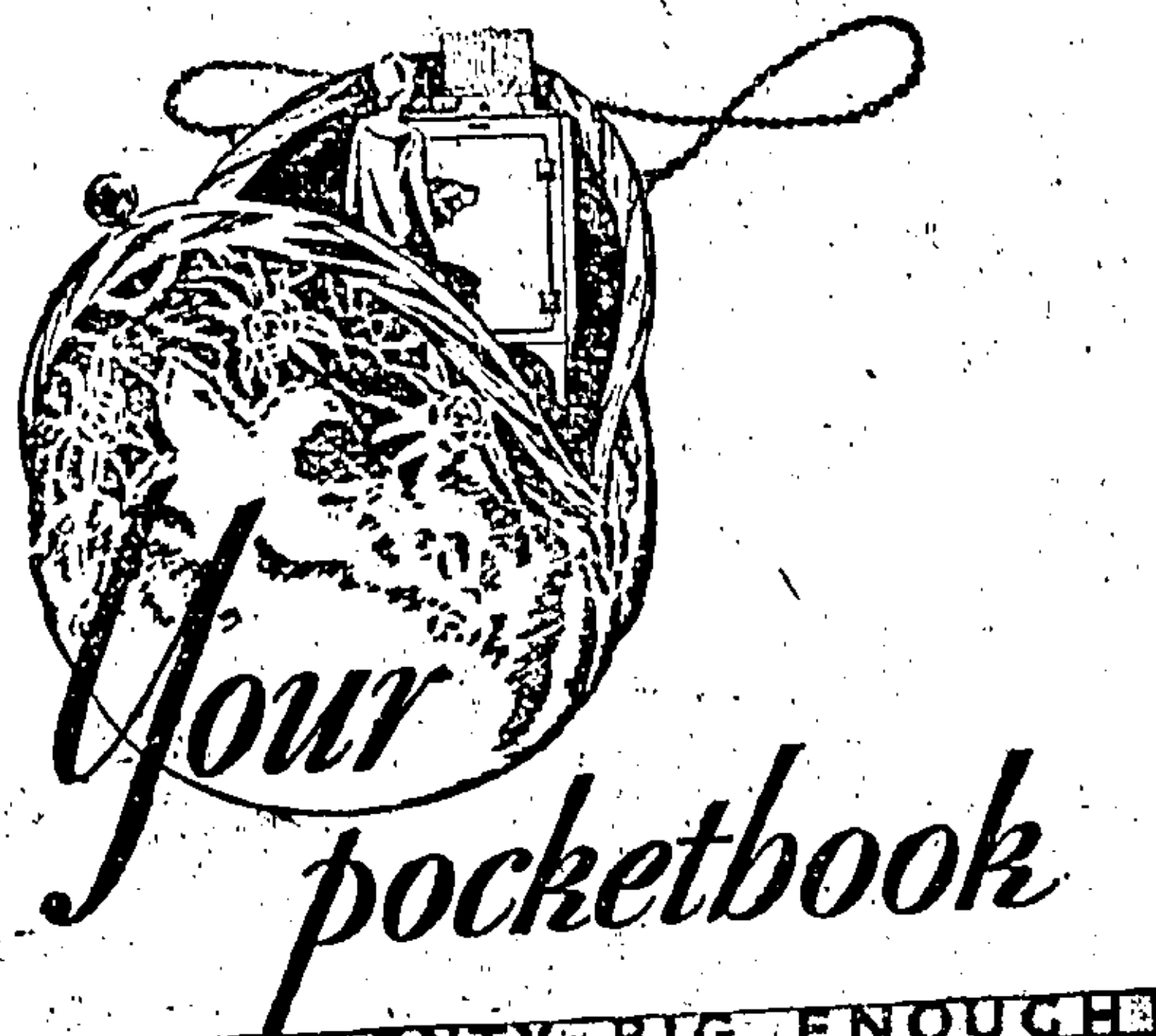
Indeed to a great many Chinese the attitude of the H.K.F.A. would appear to be an arbitrary one, and the recent fining of the Chinese Athletic Association as a result of the exhibition match between the Champions and the Rest of the Colony on September 27 did not help to remove this impression. Preceding, as it did, the action taken in crippling this club, a review of the facts concerning this incident will not be out of place, and will doubtless be of interest to a good many of your readers.

The Athletic were required to turn out a team, which they did sharply on time, but the game was held up for about a quarter of an hour on account of the non-appearance of three of the players selected to represent the Rest. With the help of a like number of substitutes it was possible for the game to proceed, and it ended in a 9-4 defeat sustained by the Champions which, mathematically, was about as overwhelming a decision as a 2-1 score, but none the less the Athletic were fined \$20 for fielding too weak a side. It is true that their aggregation contained four players from their second division of last season, but three of these are now definitely in the senior eleven, so that if the Association had not acted quite so promptly they would have known that the team fielded by the Athletic was about the best available.

And when it is seen that the Athletic violated no bye-law in this instance, whereas three members of the opposing side indisputably infringed Rule 18, the fining of the one and the letting off the other make the situation too anomalous for words.

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LADIES DO WELL AT BOWLS.

CLOSE OF SEASON AT TAIKOO.

EXCITING GAMES.

A highly successful Bowls season for the Taikoo Recreation Club was brought to a close on Saturday with mixed competitions in which a large number of ladies gave a good account of themselves. Six rinks representing the President (Mr. T. H. R. Shaw) and the Vice-President (Mr. A. R. H. Phillips) took part, seventeen heads being played, resulting in the President's team winning by a single shot.

The respective teams were as follows:
President. Mrs. Peoples. Vice-President. Mrs. McLeod.
Mrs. Cunningham. Mrs. Summers.
W. Weir. W. Cunningham.
H. McKechnie. 23 J. Chalmers. 12
J. Mitchell. T. Stainton.
Mrs. Drummond. Mr. M. Grimes.
A. Stalker. Mr. M. Currie.
G. McLeod. 11 N. Drummond. 22
Mrs. Chalmers. Mrs. Laing.
Mrs. Sloan. Mrs. R. H. Phillips.
T. H. R. Shaw. A. R. H. Phillips. 11
J. Ferguson. J. Russell. 17

W. Pendergast. S. Hone.
Mrs. White. Mrs. Polson.
J. Polson. W. Bell.
J. R. Chapman. 18 D. Munro. 13
C. H. Summers. W. Morrison.
J. Sloan, Jr. Mrs. McAlpine.
T. Grimes. D. Peoples.
W. Wether. spoon. 14 R. C. Wallace. 19

H. Coombs. W. Brown.
Mrs. Wilson. Mrs. Weir.
J. J. Whyte. G. H. Stewart. 19
W. Walsley. 14 J. Sloan, Snr. 96

Mr. Russell's Speech.

At the close of the game those present adjourned to the hall where a large array of cups and other prizes were awaiting distribution. Addressing the gathering, Mr. J. Russell said:

Ladies and gentlemen: To-day we have brought our bowling season to a close and in a manner befitting the reputation of the Club. Since the inception of lawn bowls as a sport of this Club in 1907, we have had great success in all our games.

This season we have had great enthusiasm in all our competitions and although not finishing quite so high up the League tables as we would have liked, yet we have done very well. Both our teams with a little of that "joss" (associated with the game of bowls) at the beginning of the season would, I feel sure, have given the winners of the League flags a good run for their money. I might say at the beginning of the season—only losing six shots—very close results you will admit, and causing great excitement at the close of those games. I join in the congratulations to Craignower on having won the League three years in succession; also to the Civil Service Cricket Club on winning the Second League.

Spey Royal Cup.

We are sorry to part with the Spey Royal Cup, but it is good for the game that honours should go round. We are pleased to have won the Dorrance Cup from our friends at Kowloon; also that we had the pleasure of entertaining Mr. Dorrance on his way home. Our Wednesday evening Wappinshaw have been a great success, proving not only sport for the players but giving an opportunity for a display of generosity on the part of the members, which was of great help to those responsible for arranging the games.

I have to congratulate the ladies on the manner in which they have taken part in the game of lawn bowls during the season. (Hear hear).

We are very pleased to have Mrs. Shaw with us this afternoon taking part in our closing game, and also to present the prizes. It is so fitting that Mrs. Shaw should be with us this day, seeing that she so kindly set us going at the beginning of the season.

We are indebted to our President and Vice-President for providing the rivalry in to-day's game and in presenting spoons to the winners. Mr. Shaw's team had the honour of winning at our opening day after a very close game when an extra head had to be played to determine the winners.

Mrs. Shaw Honoured.

In conclusion Mr. Russell said he had much pleasure in asking Mrs. Shaw to distribute the prizes. This being done, Mrs. Shaw was presented with a bunch of flowers, a silver vase, the souvenir being handed to her by Miss Jean Wallace.

Mr. Wallace proposed a hearty vote of thanks to Mrs. Shaw for distributing the prizes and called for three cheers, which were heartily given.

On behalf of his wife, Mr. Shaw thanked the gathering for asking her to present the prizes. She had confided to him that much as she liked giving away prizes, she would like more to have won them (Laughter). It was only four months ago that they opened the season. It had been a wonderfully quick time spent not only in bowls and swimming, but in all kinds of sport, and he was very sorry that it had now come to an end. One thing Mr. Russell had said with which he entirely agreed, and that was the way the ladies were coming on in bowls. He thought they had proved themselves superior to the men (that being, of course, what every woman knew), but the men must not let them get away with it. "You

BOROTRA TRIUMPHS.

BEATS AUSTIN IN COVERED COURTS CHAMPIONSHIP.

London, Oct. 18.
Jean Borotra, the French tennis player, won the London covered courts championship, beating H. W. Austin, of England, 6-1, 6-6, 2-6, 6-2, 6-4.

This was the fifth meeting of the two players since Wimbledon in 1929. Borotra avenged his defeat last week and now leads three to two in wins against Austin.—Reuter.

Continuing, Mr. Shaw said he was very grateful to Mrs. White for putting in a few shots that afternoon and so turned the scale in favour of the members of the Club, he expressed the opinion that no other Club could have put up such a jolly crowd as they had done, that day, there being no fewer than 48 players who were Taikoo's own. In conclusion, he again thanked the members for asking his wife to distribute the prizes. (Applause).

Mr. D. B. Bone, replying on behalf of the Taikoo Club, thanked those who had so kindly donated those handsome prizes. Had they been there, he said, they would have realised how keenly they were competed for, and how much they were appreciated. As a Club they were particularly fortunate in the number of prizes given. (Applause).

Mr. A. R. H. Phillips suitably replied for the donors.

Mr. J. Mitchell, speaking for the General Committee, paid a tribute to their energetic and hard-working Hon. Secretary, Mr. J. Laing, and congratulated the Bowling Committee on the able manner in which they had managed the competitions.

Mr. J. Russell said they were pleased to have Mr. and Mrs. B. Wylie with them at the competitions that afternoon. Mr. Wylie, the speaker proceeded, had always been interested in the way Taikoo was coming on in bowls, as President of the Lawn Bowls Association, and as one who was keenly interested in lawn bowls in the Colony. He could assure Mr. Wylie that so far as the Taikoo Club was concerned, they would do their best for the Hongkong Lawn Bowls Association. Concluding, Mr. Russell thanked Mr. and Mrs. Wylie for their presence that afternoon. (Applause).

In returning thanks for the invitation extended to his wife and himself, Mr. Wylie referred to the remarkable success shown at bowls by the ladies, and said he viewed with perturbation the likelihood of a representative turning up at the next annual meeting of the Association and demanding that the ladies be allowed to put in a team in the First and Second Leagues. (Laughter and Applause).

The gathering dispersed after cheers were given for Mr. and Mrs. Shaw.

Prize Winners.

The following were the competitions during the season and the results in the Men's Section:

Club Championship (Presented by Mr. A. R. H. Phillips).—Won by Mr. J. C. Chalmers; 2nd prize, Mr. G. McLeod; 3rd prize, Mr. R. C. Wallace.

Robertson Trophy, Singles Handicap (Replicas presented by Mr. T. H. R. Shaw).—Won by Mr. R. C. Wallace; 2nd prize, Mr. R. B. Bell; 3rd prize, Mr. J. Sloan, Jr.

Reid Shield, Rink Competition (Replicas presented by Mr. K. E. Greig).—Won by Messrs. W. Wether, spoon (Skip), H. McKechnie, J. Laing, Young, J. Polson; 2nd prize, Messrs. N. Drummond (Skip), A. Stalker, T. Stainton, W. Bell, Jr.

Pairs Competition, Four Bowls (Presented by Dumbartonshire Members).—Won by Messrs. J. B. Chapman and W. Bell, Jr.; 2nd prize, Messrs. R. K. Duncan and J. Sloan, Jr.; 3rd prize, Messrs. G. McLeod and W. Brown.

Pairs Competition, Two Bowls (Presented by Messrs. Dorrie Bogg & Co., Ltd.).—Won by Messrs. D. Munro and J. Mitchell; 2nd prize, Messrs. J. Sloan, Snr. and T. Stainton; 3rd prize, Messrs. J. C. Chalmers and C. H. Summers.

Renfrewshire Bowl, Rink Competition (Presented by Renfrewshire Members).—Won by Messrs. H. McKechnie (Skip), J. C. Chalmers, H. Coombs, J. Polson; 2nd prize, Messrs. R. K. Duncan (Skip), T. Grimes, W. Pendergast, W. Cunningham.

Wednesday Evening Wappinshaw League.—Won by Mr. G. McLeod; 2nd, Mr. T. Stainton; 3rd, Mr. J. Laing; 4th, Mr. J. B. Chapman.

Inter-Department Trophy.—Won by Messrs. R. C. Wallace (Skip), P. W. Ramsay, W. Orlinton (Skip).

Non-Prize Winners Competition (Presented by Mr. J. Ferguson).—Won by Mr. T. Grimes; 2nd, Mr. J. J. Whyte.

Ladies' Section.

The following were the competitions in the Ladies' Section and the winners:

Singles Competition (Presented by Mr. J. E. Hansen).—Won by Mrs. Polson; 2nd prize, Mrs. J. J. Whyte.

First Pairs Competition (Presented by Taikoo Club).—Won by Mrs. Polson and Mrs. E. P. White; 2nd prize, Mrs. Chalmers and Mrs. Grimes.

Second Pairs Competition (Presented by Mrs. Shawell and Mrs. Nelson).—Won by Mrs. E. P. White and Mrs. Chalmers; 2nd prize, Mrs. Cunningham and Mrs. Laing.

Wednesday Evening Wappinshaw League.—Won by Mrs. McLeod; 2nd, Mrs. Grimes; 3rd, Mrs. Summers; 4th, Mrs. Drummond; 5th, Mrs. Polson.

Non-Prize Winners Competition (Presented by Mrs. Phillips).—Won by Mrs. McAlpine and Mrs. Sloan.

LEAGUE CRICKET COMMENCES.

SOME HIGH INDIVIDUAL SCORES.

A feature of Saturday's cricket was the "double" brought off by the Indian Recreation Club, who met the University in both divisions of the League, winning by eight wickets in each case.

DIVISION I.

I.R.C. Defeat University at Pokfulam.

In the only senior League game played, the Indian Recreation Club defeated the University at Pokfulam by eight wickets. The wicket was on the fast side, but good bowling on the part of the Indian trundlers prevented the under-graduates from compiling a big score on their venture to the wicket.

The home team took first knock and had a very shaky start. Three of their opening batsmen were dismissed for only 24 runs, but Ride and Sullivan stopped the "rot", each claiming 23 before being sent back to the pavilion. Despite this, however, the whole side were dismissed for 102 runs.

The bowling of the visitors was quite good, and four were evenly divided. Pereira took three wickets for 23 runs, Madar two for two, Curram two for 14 and A. R. Minu two for 29.

Some consistent batting by the Indians enabled them to pass their opponents' score with eight wickets in hand. Madar was top scorer with 44, O. Ismail being next with a somewhat lucky 32 not out, and S. A. Ismail with 25.

DIVISION II.

Arculli in Form with The Ball.

A splendid bowling feat by F. M. el Arculli, the captain of the Indian R.C. second string, was seen at Sookunpo, where the home team defeated the University second by eight wickets in their first League encounter. This was chiefly responsible for the dismissal of the under-graduates for 100, capturing six wickets for only 17 runs.

K. T. Loke was top scorer with 23 runs, and, with the exception of two other players who reached double figures, the University batsmen failed.

The Indians lost two wickets with only 25 runs on the board, but D. Mohamed and A. R. H. Esmail made the necessary score without further loss. When stumps were drawn the Indians had compiled 156 runs for seven wickets.

FRIENDLY MATCHES.

H.K.C.C. Defeat Argyls By 65 Runs.

Despite a splendid innings by Lieut. Dewar Durie, who carried his bat for 66, the Argyl and Sutherland Highlanders were defeated by the Hongkong Cricket Club by 65 runs.

The batting of the Club was very consistent. Pearce and More each contributed 60 to the side's total of 192 runs for three wickets, when the innings was declared closed.

The military team could do no better than reply with 127 runs. Of this total, Lieut. Dewar Durie made more than half. Reid was in good form with the ball, capturing five wickets for 51 runs.

C.S.C.C. v C.C.C.

The Civil Service Cricket Club entertained their neighbours, the Craignower Cricket Club, the match ending in a draw.

Taking first knock, Craignower compiled 206 for five wickets. A. T. Lee was top scorer with 77, A. E. Hanson (34 not out), E. Zammern (33), U. M. Omar (29 not out), and S. V. Gitting (26) being also in form with the bat.

Civil Service replied with 115 runs for eight wickets, de Rome claiming 46 and R. M. Wood 30 of the total. Gitting captured four wickets for 10 runs, R. Lee two for 23, and A. T. Lee two for 25.

K.C.C. v Major Langmaid's XI.

Major Langmaid took a team over to K. C. C. and lost to the home team by six wickets. The visiting side batted first and compiled 76 runs, to which K. C. C. replied with 154 runs for seven wickets. The necessary runs for victory were made with five wickets in hand.

Recreo H.K.C.C. 2nd.

Playing at King's Park, the Club de Recreo defeated the Hongkong Cricket Club second string by 106 runs. To his side's total of 176, P. J. Remedios contributed 77 and was unfortunately run out.

Planner was the only batsman who made anything of a stand against the Portuguese bowlers, all the others failing to reach double figures. They were all dismissed for 70 runs, Pereira capturing three wickets for four runs and A. P. Guterres three for 19.

Craignower 2nd v C.S.C.C. 2nd.

The Civil Service Cricket Club second met a Craignower junior team at Happy Valley and won by five wickets. Craignower knocked up 105 runs, G. Lia contributing 24 and D. Hazell 10 (not out). Kelly, for Civil Service, captured three wickets for 13 runs, McGowan three for 19 and Strange two for 15.

The Civil Service team knocked up the necessary runs for victory with five wickets in hand. F. Matthews was top scorer with 31.

Royal Signals v D.B.S.

The Diocesan Boys' School defeated the Royal Signals by nine wickets at King's Park. The military side were dismissed for 90 runs and the students passed this score with the loss of only one wicket. A. Prata was top scorer with 76.

Police v R.E.

The Royal Engineers defeated the H. K. Police by 116 runs on Saturday, in a friendly encounter on the Police R. C. ground.

Lis. Macdonald and Anstruther put on more than a hundred for the second wicket in the R. E. innings. Volunteer Defeat the University.

In their match against the University at Pokfulam yesterday, the Volunteers beat the University by 10 runs, the second innings being left

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MISSIONARY EFFORT.

ST. ANDREW'S BAZAAR FOR V.D.M.A.

For the promotion of missionary enterprise in China, a bazaar was held in the grounds and hall of St. Andrew's Church on Saturday, the function proving a big success.

The proceeds of the effort, as Mr. P. S. Cassidy, who presided at the official opening explained, were to swell the funds of the Victoria Diocesan and Missionary Association, to which organisation the St. Andrew's Church had promised an annual quota of \$1,500.

The V.D.M.A., Mr. Cassidy said, had made grants to several institutions, and had recently undertaken a fresh commitment in the payment of the salary of one of its missionary workers, whom it would have otherwise lost. St. Andrew's Church had undertaken to provide an annual quota of \$1,500 to the V.D.M.A., but this obligation was made when the dollar was not 13d, and accordingly things were now made more difficult. They had, however, put into practice an excellent scheme, known as the V.D.M.A. "Bank."

The Rev. Walton Rogers, Vicar of the Church, said that \$300 had already been raised through this scheme, in connection with which prizes had been awarded for the largest sums collected. Mr. Richard Wong had secured the biggest amount with \$81.10 and Miss Edwina Rogers was second with \$55.70. The Vicar drew attention to the fact that two plays were being produced on Friday next, the proceeds from which would be devoted to the V.D.M.A. quota, whilst a further effort to swell the amount would be made next Sunday through the harvest festival collections.

Mrs. J. Owen Hughes formally declared the bazaar open, and after she had been presented with a bouquet by Master Andrew Rogers, the Hon. Mr. J. Owen Hughes, in behalf of his wife, thanked the gathering for their kindly reception, and expressed pleasure at being present. He observed the keen work going on in St. Andrew's Church and congratulated those responsible for the excellence of the results.

Both the grounds and the Church hall were gaily decorated for the affair, purchase stalls, competition booths, and games being well in evidence. The Mothers' Union stall, the Bible Society's book stall, cigarette stall and the Victoria Home stall, in the charge of Miss Bestwick, were included in the numerous attractions, and amongst the side shows, the golf competition found great favour amongst both young and old.

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Washington, Oct. 19.
 President Hoover has once again shown recognition of the urgency of the unemployment situation by appointing a commission of six members of the Cabinet, including Mr. B. H. Meyer, Governor of the Federal Reserve Board, to formulate plans to enable the Government further to assist, as winter approaches, "those who are in honest difficulties."—*Reuter's American Service.*

DRAMATICS AT THE UNIVERSITY.

UNDERGRADUATES GIVE A TALENTED SHOW.

Talent of an advanced standard was shown by Hongkong University undergraduates of both sexes on Saturday, when the Arts Association held their third annual dramatic evening. Two plays were produced, and were much enjoyed by a large gathering.

The Great Hall was tastefully decorated with lanterns and bunting, while the setting of the stage was very effective and presented a pleasing picture.

One of the plays was given by the lady undergraduates while the other was performed by a mixed cast. This departure from custom proved a great success, the first play being one of the best produced by the Arts Association. The Misses Agnes Pau, Olga de C. Basto, Rose Perry, Kwok Yik-ming, Katherine Lai and Kittle Tso formed the cast of the first play "Rehearsal," by Christopher Morley. The ladies became more confident as the play progressed, and generally gave a good account of themselves.

Good as this play was, it was the second, entitled "Doctor Love," by Moliere, that earned the most applause. It required a skill not usually found in amateur shows, and it is to the credit of the undergraduates concerned, and also Mr. B. G. Birch, B.A., the producer, that the show was gone through without a hitch.

Deserving of special mention is Mr. Wong Yan-chee, as Sganarelle, a miserly old man obsessed with the idea that "gay young sparks" were after his daughter's hand in order to gain possession of his money. The acting was convincing and gave the role just the right touch.

Miss Basto, as the daughter, did not have very much to do except to look adorable, and sigh at frequent intervals to show her love for somebody, whose "eyes spoke volumes whenever they met." Miss Ho Tung was also very effective in her part. The cast was as follows: Sganarelle (a rich miserly old man), Mr. Wong Yan-chee. Mr. Williams (an upholsterer), Mr. W. A. Hunt. Mr. Lesse (a jeweller), Mr. John Pau. Des Fonandres (a doctor), Mr. W. A. Hunt. Tomes (a doctor), Mr. D. J. N. Anderson. Macrotan (a doctor), Mr. Yeap Choong-yow. Bahys (a doctor), Mr. S. A. Reed.



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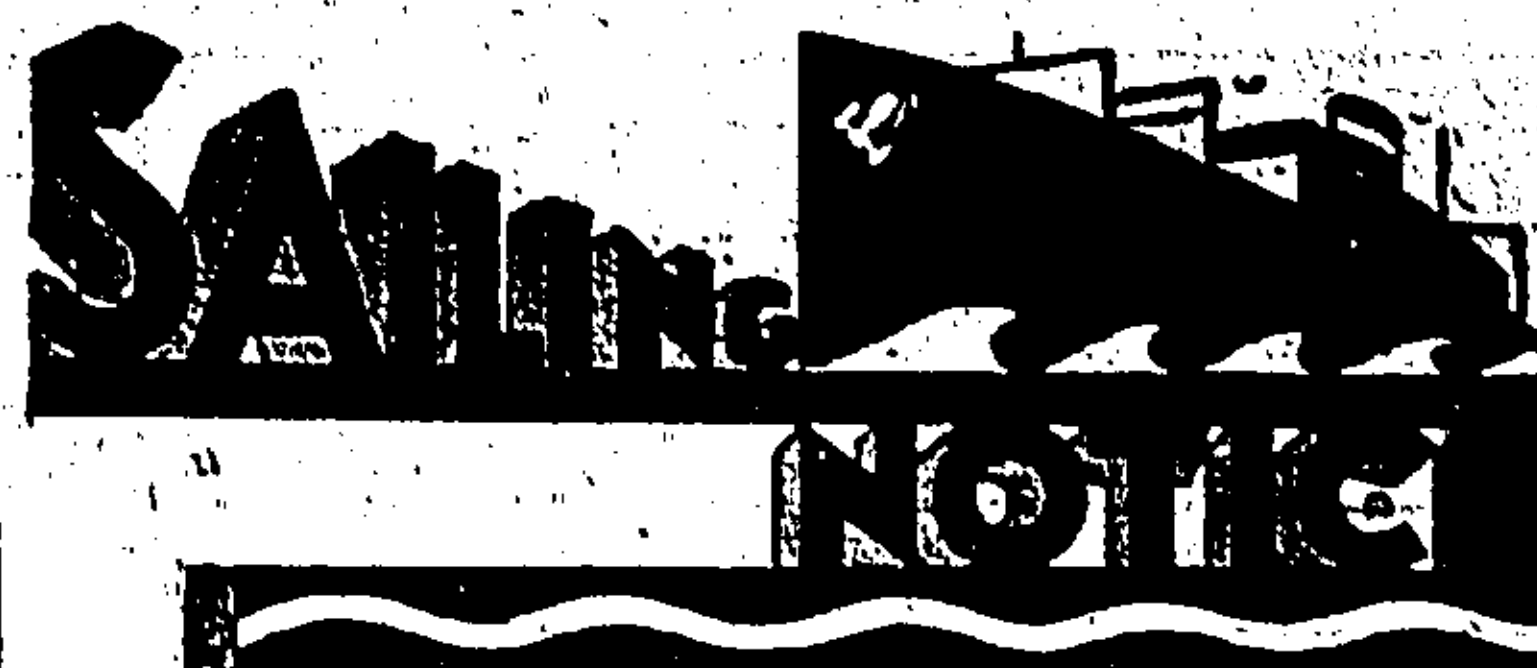
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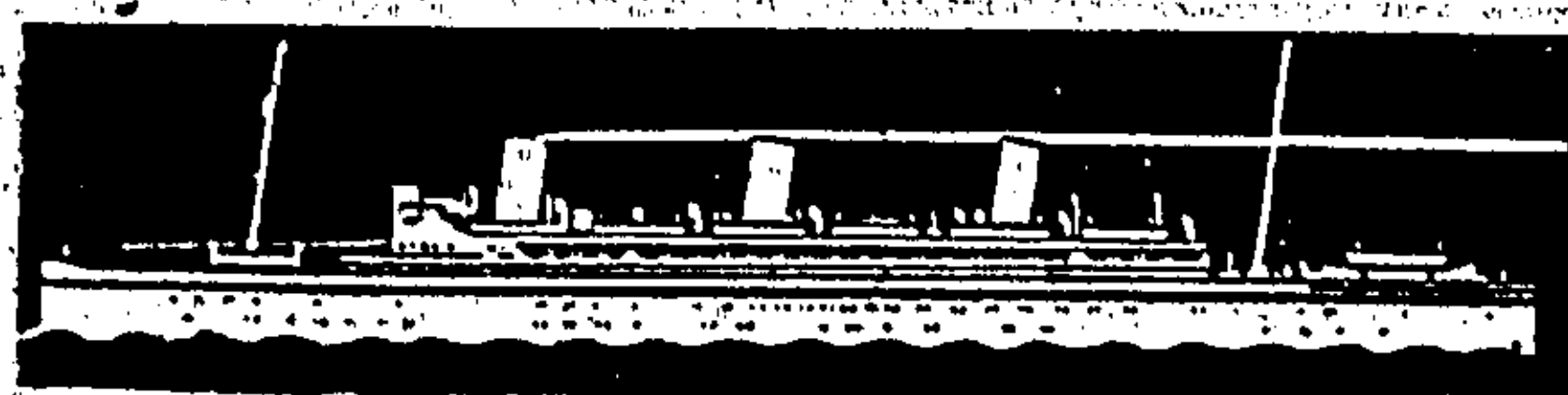
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THE SMUGGLING QUESTION REVIVED.

Shanghai, Oct. 19.
The Kuo Min News Agency learns that Mr. F. W. Maze, the Inspector General of Customs, is leaving for Hongkong to-morrow, October 20, in order to resume negotiations with the Hongkong Government regarding "the establishment of Maritime Customs stations to check smuggling from the British Colony into Chinese territory." According to the Kuo Min News Agency, if a satisfactory arrangement can be made, the illicit traffic from Hongkong to Canton and other Kwangtung ports, which has developed enormous proportions since the introduction of the new tariffs last year, will be eliminated at the source, thereby securing a considerable increase in the legitimate Customs revenue for the southern ports.

It is recalled that Mr. Maze negotiated with the Hongkong authorities last winter, but no definite arrangement was then concluded.—*Reuter.*

PLEA TO EGYPTIANS.

CONTAINED IN SEDITIONARY WAFD MANIFESTO.

Cairo, Oct. 18.
Following the issue by the Wafd Party leaders of an impassioned manifesto on Thursday, the Police last night seized the Wafd headquarters and seized copies of the manifesto. A member of the Wafd Club was arrested for distributing the document.

The manifesto declared:—When the Ministry modifies the electoral law of the Constitution, it will be the duty of every Egyptian to defend the Nation's rights against the Ministry's revolt, and to sacrifice, therefore, his person and possessions, so that the Nation may always have the last word and the Constitution triumph.—*Reuter.*

The Government has ordered the confiscation of *La Patrie*, the only newspaper which published the Wafd manifesto, on the ground that this publication was "calculated dangerously to imperil order and both European and Egyptian security."—*Reuter.*

OBITUARY.

SIR GUY STEPHENSON DIES IN LONDON.

London, Oct. 18.
Sir Guy Stephenson, who for 32 years was Assistant Director of Public Prosecutions, died in London last night, aged 65 years.

He was an able criminal lawyer, and, although little known by the public, had dealt with the details of nearly every big criminal case.—*British Wireless.*

[Sir Guy was a son of Sir Augustus Stephenson, K.C. He was joint editor of two editions of Archbold's Criminal Pleading.]

Moscow, Oct. 19.
M. Rinko, the Assistant Commissar of Agriculture, has been appointed Commissar of Finance, replacing M. Brukhanov.

No official explanation is given for the change.—*Reuter.*

HINKLER'S TIME BEATEN.

FLIGHT FROM LONDON IN 10 DAYS.

Sydney, Oct. 18.
A message from Koopeang states that Kingsford-Smith did not land at Atamboea, but continued his flight, intending to reach Darwin at 7.30 p.m. He changed his mind, however, and returned to Atamboea at 4.50 p.m.—*Reuter.*

Sydney, Oct. 18.
Kingsford-Smith in a wireless telephone conversation from Sourabaya, said that he hoped to reach Port Darwin at 5.30 a.m. Greenwich time, on October 19. He said he had had a wonderful flight without trouble and has done all the mechanical work himself. He averaged only four or five hours' sleep each night, but said he felt very fit. Kingsford-Smith asked that his love be given to his fiancée, Miss Mary Powell, who is awaiting his arrival in Sydney.—*Reuter.*

Sydney, Oct. 19.
Kingsford-Smith landed at Darwin at 2.26 p.m.—*Reuter.*

Forced Landing.

Batavia, Oct. 18.
Flight Lieutenant Hill's aeroplane overturned between Koopeang and Atamboea on Timor Island. The machine was damaged but Hill was unhurt. The mishap followed a forced landing he made on the seashore.—*Reuter.*

Flight Lieutenant Hill met with mishap when only 500 miles from Australia. He was flying from Bima, in Sumbawa Island, to Atamboea in Timor Island at the time. The accident occurred on the 13th day of flight, during which he travelled nearly ten thousand miles. His little Moth machine with 100 h.p. Gipsy engine, is of a type obtainable for £600. It is unknown whether the damage done will stop further progress.—*British Wireless.*

A British Wireless message from London on October 17 said that on the twelfth day of his journey, Hill was reported on the way from Bima to Atamboea, on Timor Island. He hoped to reach Darwin early Saturday morning.

MATTHEWS AT DARWIN.

Takes Over a Month Owing To Mishaps.

Darwin, Oct. 18.
Captain F. R. Matthews, Amy Johnson's instructor at the London Aeroplane Club, who left Crofton in a Puss-Moth machine for Australia on September 16, arrived here at 4.20 a.m. He was forced down twice after leaving Rangoon, damaging his plane and spoiling his chance of breaking the record.

He hurried in order to arrive ahead of Flight Lieut. Hill and Wing Commander Kingsford-Smith, and, although his arrival was unexpected, he was welcomed by a crowd at the aerodrome.

Captain Matthews intends to return to London to-morrow. He is now a hero throughout Australia, equally with Hill and Kingsford-Smith.—*Reuter.*

Shanghai, Oct. 18.
M. Emil Van der Velde, formerly Belgian Minister for Foreign Affairs, and Chairman of the Second International, accompanied by his wife, left for Hongkong on the President Lincoln to-day.—*Reuter.*

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Wild Scenes in Reichstag. NO CONFIDENCE MOTION.

Berlin, Oct. 18.
Communists and Nazis, the German Fascists, attempted to turn parliament into a bear garden at yesterday's Reichstag sitting. Several members were expelled.

One Nazi threatened to kill a Socialist spokesman, a Munich Public Prosecutor, if he returned to Munich. The Opposition parties put down more than a dozen no confidence motions but pro-Government parties countered with an over-riding motion. The vote resulted in a Government victory by 318 to 236.

Loud cheers by the Centre party mingled with hisses by the opposition and Communists sang the "Internationale." The Nazis shouted out their slogan "Wake Up Germany."

Finally the Reichstag adopted an Amnesty Bill by 395 to 147. The measure affects a number of persons, including several concerned in political murders. An adjournment was made to December 12.—*Reuter.*

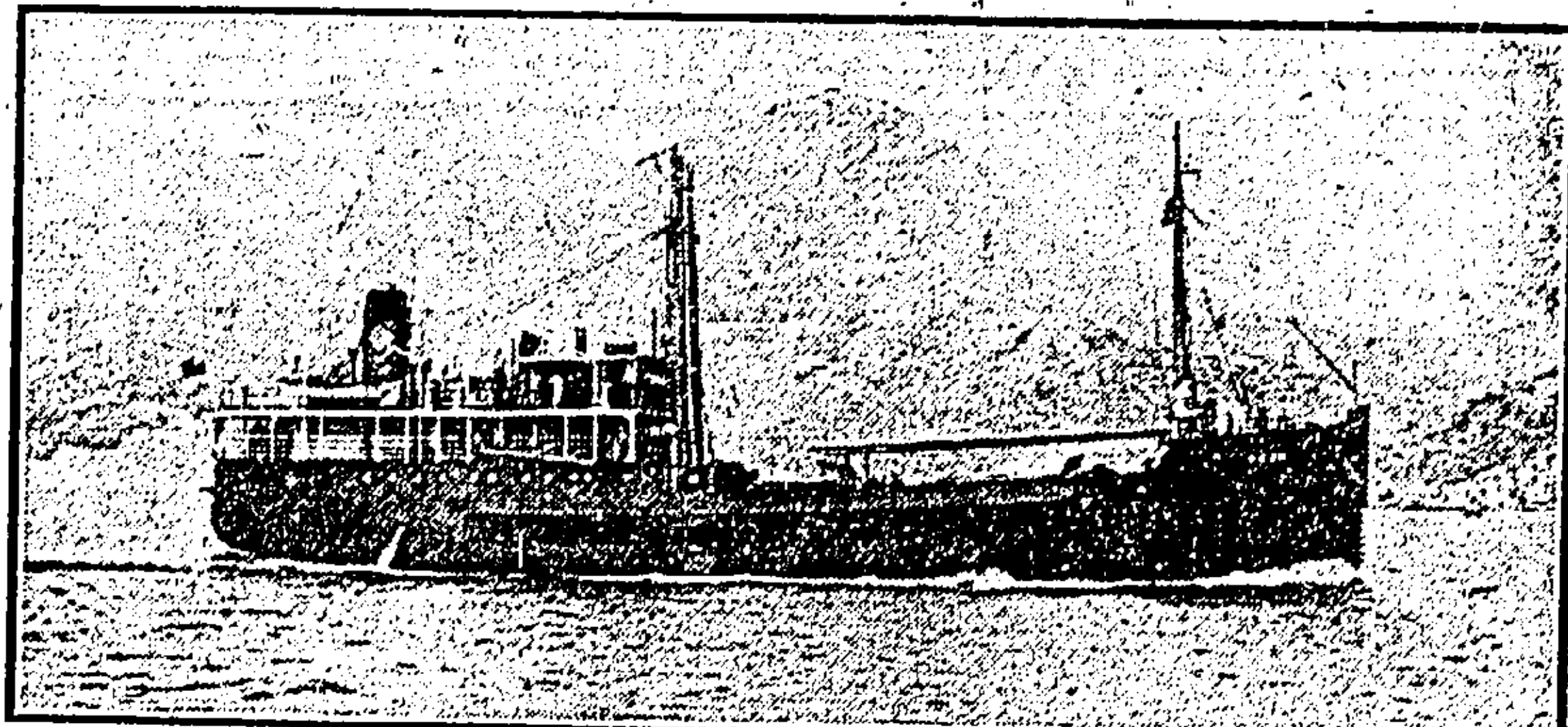
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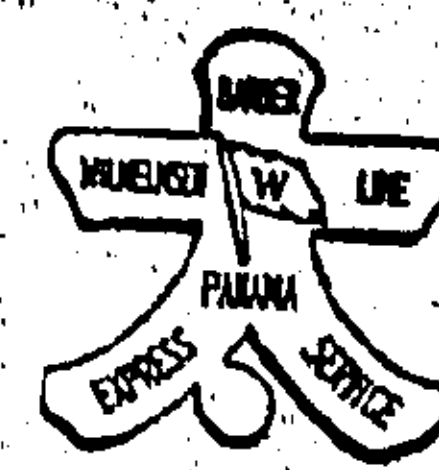
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PLUCKED LIVING BIRD.

CHINESE FINED \$20 FOR
CRUELTY.

WEAK EXCUSES.

The remains of a tiny bird were brought into Court this morning in connexion with a charge of cruelty against a Chinese.

A Chinese constable deposed that he came upon the man in the act of plucking the feathers off the bird, which was then alive. It died while the man was being taken to the Station and the remains were still warm when they got there.

Defendant declared that the bird was dead before he started to pluck off its feathers.

The Magistrate:—If this bird were dead, why did you pull off its feathers?

Defendant:—I was preparing it for food.

His Worship:—Food from a thing like that?

Defendant:—It is sold on the market.

His Worship:—That was the only bird found in his hand?

The constable:—Yes.

Acting Sub-Inspector Post testified that the bird was still warm when it was brought to him. He reckoned that it had died only a few minutes previously.

A fine of \$20 was inflicted.

CHINA AMATEUR GOLF CHAMPIONSHIP.

COMMENT ON WINNER'S PERFORMANCE.

Commenting upon the Amateur Open Golf Championship result, the Telegraph's Shanghai correspondent says that the winner, Lieut. H. S. Mitchell, was sixth on the list with a score of 153 at the end of Saturday's play.

On Sunday when conditions were extremely difficult at Hungjiao, he played splendid golf, his remarkable steadiness carrying him into the lead. O. E. C. Marton played better on Saturday than on Sunday.

FRENCHMAN'S NEW WORLD RECORD.

TWO SECONDS OFF 1,000 METRE TIME.

Paris, Oct. 19. The well-known French athlete, Laboumeque, broke the world's record for the thousand metres at the Jean Bouin Stadium to-day.

His time was 2 minutes 23 3/5th seconds. The previous record, held by the German, Dr. Peltzer, was 2 min. 25 4/5th seconds.—*Reuter.*

The Health Bulletin of Eastern Ports for the week ending October 11 shows the following cases of infectious diseases and deaths therefrom: plague, Alexandria 3 cases, 1 death, Phnom-Penh 1 death, Cholera, Bombay 1 case, Calcutta 7 cases, 4 deaths, Rangoon 1 case, 1 death, Iloilo 7 cases, 4 deaths, Manila 2 cases, Phnom-Penh 1 case, Shanghai 8 cases, 2 deaths.

Small-pox, Bombay 1 case, Calcutta 3 cases, 3 deaths, Coochin 8 cases, Madras 8 cases, 3 deaths, Negapatam 5 cases, Vizagapatam 1 case, Pondicherry 1 case, 1 death, Penang 1 case, 1 death, Batavia 1 case, 1 death, Phnom-Penh 2 cases.

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ROBBER CAUGHT IN FLIGHT.

INCIDENT AT WANCHAI HOUSE.

Arraigned on a charge of robbery, Au Nam, came before the Puisne Judge (Mr. P. Jackson), at the Criminal Sessions this morning, and pleaded not guilty. Mr. Somerset Fitzroy prosecuted on behalf of the Crown, but accused was not legally represented.

A jury of seven, with Mr. J. Brook, as foreman, was empanelled. They were: Messrs. J. M. Alarackia, R. Taylor, A. W. Eastman, F. N. Garcia, A. H. Madar and P. A. Netland.

Mr. Fitzroy said that on September 10, accused went to No. 11 Swatow Street, Wanchai, a house of ill-fame, to stay the night. Shortly after his arrival, two other men entered, and all three were in a cubicle with the woman complainant. They asked for opium pipes, and gave the impression that they were friends.

Shortly after their entrance to the cubicle, they attacked the woman, throwing her on the bed and covering her head with a cloth.

The men then attempted to pull her gold bangles from her wrists, but were unable to do so. Her ear-rings were snatched off, and the man immediately ran away, with the inmates of the house in chase. An Indian police sergeant saw the men and captured the accused who was amongst them.

At the house, the woman accused the man of taking part in the robbery.

Chan Yuk, the complainant and Chan Yi, another woman of the house, gave evidence in support of this statement.

The case is proceeding.

SUDDEN DEATH OF SCOTTISH M.P.

MR. ALEXANDER McROBERT PASSES AWAY.

London, Oct. 19. The death occurred suddenly last night of Mr. Alexander McRobert, the Conservative member of Parliament for East Renfrew. He was Lord Advocate for Scotland in the Baldwin Government.

He was 57 years of age and had been a member of Parliament for six years only. He was educated at the Paisley Grammar School and the Universities of Edinburgh and Glasgow, where he took up law, being called to the Scottish Bar in 1897.

He became connected with Government during the War when he was employed at the Admiralty. He was Sheriff of Forfarshire in 1923 but resigned in the following year to contest East Renfrew.—*British Wireless.*

ARSON ALLEGATION.

THREE MEN ARRESTED BY POLICE.

An attempt at arson, it is alleged, was frustrated when a suspect was arrested at No. 77, Winglok Street, premises occupied by a native herbalist's shop, late on Saturday night, with a tin of kerosene and some inflammable material in his possession.

Information led the Police to take two other men into custody during yesterday. Investigations are still proceeding.

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BRUTAL ASSAULT ON WOMAN.

TWELVE STROKES OF "CAT" FOR "CAT" BURGLAR.

THREE YEARS ALSO.

Concurrent sentences of three years' hard labour for the theft of forty three cents, from a six year old child and three years imprisonment with 12 strokes of the cat, for wounding and inflicting grievous bodily harm to a woman, named Ho Chi, on September 4, were passed on Ng Lam, who appeared before the Puisne Judge (Mr. P. Jackson), at the Criminal Sessions this morning.

Accused pleaded guilty, and Mr. Somerset Fitzroy in relating the facts, said the man apparently entered the house of 210, Lok Ham Road, which was quite close to No. 2 Police Station, by climbing up a spout. He proceeded to steal a packet of coins, amounting to 43 cents, but upon entering the kitchen, he was detected by Ho Chi, who then was detained by him. He picked up a chopper and made a terrible attack on the woman, inflicting four incise wounds to the top of the scalp, which penetrated the skull, and almost severed the left ear, and nearly severed the ring and little finger on the right hand. The left forearm was also badly injured, and her life was in danger for several days afterwards. It was a most brutal assault.

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